



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **IMPERIAL BANK LIMITED (IN RECEIVERSHIP)**

Over the last few weeks since the closure of Imperial Bank Limited (IBL) on October 13, 2015, the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) has been working with Imperial Bank's stakeholders with the objective of reopening the bank and resumption of normal activities for its customers as soon as possible.

This effort continues and, in particular, the CBK and the Kenya Deposit Insurance Corporation (KDIC) have been in regular contact with IBL's shareholders on a proposal that will enable the prompt reopening of the bank. The proposal includes an injection of new capital by shareholders, the conversion of a percentage of large deposits to equity, and recovery and collateralization of fraudulent loans.

The CBK notes with concern the delay by shareholders to provide adequate assurances for the implementation of this proposal, and urges a quick resolution of this matter.

In the meantime, the CBK has also been closely monitoring the financial markets, with a view to ensuring stable conditions and that the market has adequate liquidity. The CBK reiterates that it stands behind the banking system and will do whatever is necessary to ensure its continued stability.

The CBK is also aware of misleading letters that were sent to some depositors requesting their authorization to convert their deposits to equity in the bank. These letters are fraudulent and all communications about the bank will be made only by the CBK or KDIC.

**CENTRAL BANK OF KENYA**

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