



Press Release

**Mechanical and Electrical Works on New Mombasa-Nairobi Pipeline
Now Complete**

Thursday March 1, 2018 ... The mainline mechanical and electrical works for the new Nairobi – Mombasa pipeline (Line 5) are now complete paving the way for completion of the project by the end of this month. This was announced today by the new Cabinet Secretary for Petroleum and Mining Hon John Munyes when he toured the line to assess progress. The final works that the contractor has been undertaking ahead of the month end completion include hydro testing, station mechanical, electrical and communication works.

The CS told journalists that he is satisfied with what the contractor, Zakhem International Construction Limited, has accomplished this far.

“The line 5 pipeline project, which is also the country’s second largest infrastructural undertaking, is going to be a game changer in the fuel supply logistics and dynamics. Because of this new line, Kenya is going to be competitive as a country and the ultimate cost of fuel will come down once the line is fully in operation,” said Munyes during a media briefing in Changanwe, Mombasa and promised that the line will be commissioned soon by President Uhuru Kenyatta.

The cabinet secretary said that the completion date of the project raises hopes of lower road maintenance costs given the hundreds of trucks the new line will remove from the country’s roads.

“With a one million litres per hour flow rate, the new line will remove about 700 trucks from the road daily at maximum utilization. This will enhance safety because pipeline transportation of fuel is the safest and most cost effective way of transporting petroleum products the world over. There will therefore be reduced accidents, fuel fires, and

siphonings on our roads hence saving lives and conserving our environment,” the new Petroleum CS said.

The KPC Managing Director Joe Sang, who also accompanied the cabinet secretary together with KPC directors during the project inspection tour, said that using modern world class engineering technology, the Kshs 48 billion shilling project will see installation of 4 new pump stations in Changamwe, Maungu, Mtito Andei and Sultan Hamud and 2 booster pumps in Kipevu.

The KPC boss added that the new line will also include new firefighting systems in the new stations together with other energy efficient equipment and pipeline monitoring technologies which will introduce efficiency and safety in fuel supply logistics in Kenya and the region.

KPC is in the process of replacing the existing Mombasa-Nairobi pipeline that has been in operation for 40 years whose flow rate is about 750,000 litres per hour and can therefore not meet national and regional demand for fuel. A Vision 2030 flagship project, the construction of the 20 inch diameter 450km pipeline commenced in the year 2014.

Once complete, the pipeline will ensure sustained, reliable and efficient transportation of petroleum products in the region and meet demand in the next 30 years with an installed flow rate for phase one of 1 million litres per hour by end of this year, 1.9 million litres per hour for phase two in 2023 and 2.6 million litres per hour for phase three in 2044.

The pipeline will also enhance safety and protect the environment since transportation of oil via a pipeline is the safest, fastest and most environmentally friendly means.

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