



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP E-REGISTER PROGRESS UPDATE

The Business Registration Service (“BRS”) in its mandate to oversee operations of the Companies Registry and the overall implementation of the Companies Act, 2015 operationalized the Beneficial Ownership E-Register on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

We wish to remind the public that the deadline for filing Beneficial Ownership register documents is the 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2021. We continue to urge private companies registered under the Companies Act, 2015 and the Companies Act, Cap. 486 Laws of Kenya (now repealed) to comply with Section 93A of the Companies Act, 2015 and submit a copy of the Beneficial Ownership registers to the Registrar of Companies within thirty (30) days of its preparation and to notify the Registrar within fourteen (14 days) of any change in beneficial ownership information.

Since our initial call for compliance on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020, BRS has received 148,908 applications for Change of Officials (which includes the Beneficial Ownership E-Register), 32,711 applications for Link a Business and 34,400 applications to file Annual Returns. This is a clear demonstration of the commitment from the public to update records for compliance purposes. Our team is working overtime to review and process the significantly high number of applications with additional resources being brought in to ensure optimal service levels are maintained.

We urge the public to kindly bear with some delays experienced in pending applications due to the current circumstances but we wish to assure users that all applications will be attended to as soon as possible.

For further enquiries and assistance, email us via [registrar@brs.go.ke](mailto:registrar@brs.go.ke) and [changes@brs.go.ke](mailto:changes@brs.go.ke).

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