



## KENYA FILM CLASSIFICATION BOARD

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### **PRESS STATEMENT BY DR. EZEKIEL MUTUA, MBS, ON COMEDIAN ERIC OMONDI AND ONLINE CONTENT REGULATION, MONDAY 15TH MARCH 2021**

Following the arrest of Comedian Eric Omondi by the Directorate of Criminal Investigation (DCI) in collaboration with the Kenya Film Classification Board on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 on accusations of producing unauthorized content contrary to the Films and Stage Plays Act Cap 222 of the Laws of Kenya, the said Eric Omondi has officially apologized to the Board and requested for an out of court settlement regarding the case.

The Board has keenly examined the apology and request for an out of court settlement and is willing to settle the case through the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) on condition:

1. THAT the said Eric Omondi deletes all the explicit content running on his online channels forthwith.
2. THAT the program in contention dubbed "Wife Material" is suspended forthwith until this case is heard and determined and the same fully complies with the provisions of the Films and Stage Plays Act Cap 222 of the Laws of Kenya.
3. THAT going forward, the producers of the program shall fully comply with the law and that no further explicit content shall be aired on the said Eric Omondi's online platforms.
4. THAT if the producers of the said "Wife Material" wish to continue with the program they shall apply for a filming license and shall submit to the Board the scripts, synopsis, storyboard and filming schedule for approval before production and exhibition of the same.
5. THAT the producers of the said program, upon completion of production, shall submit the same for examination and classification by the Board for age appropriateness to ensure protection of children from premature exposure to adult content.
6. THAT future productions shall strictly adhere to the terms of the exhibition license from the Board as stipulated in the law.
7. THAT the said Eric Omondi commits to not exhibit or broadcast explicit content meant for public consumption on YouTube, Instagram, Facebook, TikTok and other platforms unless the same has been approved by the Board in line with the conditions set in the out of court settlement.



General  
Exhibition



Parental  
Guidance  
Recommended

Protecting Children from Exposure to Harmful Content



Not suitable for  
persons under  
16 years



Restricted to  
Adult Only

8. THAT there shall be no more exhibition of content that promotes pornography or that portrays women and youths as sexual objects.
9. THAT the said Eric Omondi fully complies with the provisions of the Films and Stage Plays Act Cap 222 in respect to content regulation and also the delimitations in Article 33 of the Constitution and shall not promote propoganda for war, incitement to violence, hate speech or vilification of persons.

Upon agreement on the above referenced terms, the Board shall withdraw the case against Eric Omondi and shall instead pursue an Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanism.

To this end, an industry-driven Committee comprising of Mr. Felix Odiwuor aka Jalang'o, Daniel Ndambuki aka Churchill and Thomas Kwaka aka Big Ted, among others, shall within 14 days from the date hereof look at the said compliant against Eric Omondi and advise the Board on the way.

The said Committee shall, in conjunction with the Board and the DCI development guidelines for self-regulation of online content.

Ladies and Gentlemen, let me conclude by saying that, from the public outrage and complaints filed with the Board against explicit content, it's clear that Kenyans are sick and tired of dirty content. The misuse of online platforms to exhibit unpalatable content must therefore cease. We urge our creatives to think about their audiences, especially children and endeavour to be responsible in the creation and exhibition of their content and ensure full compliance with the law.

The Board will work with the industry driven self-regulation committee to create awareness about the law and promote creation and distribution of clean.

Thank you and God bless you.



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