



To Member of National Assembly - Kenya

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Dear, Hon.

RE: STOP TO COAL MINING AND COAL-FIRED POWER PLANTS IN KENYA

This letter comes to you from Greenpeace Africa, deCOALonize, the communities of Lamu and Kitui County and Kenyan activists. We are deeply concerned by the Treasury budget allocation for the Lamu coal plant and Kitui coal mining - proposed as a public private partnership agreement.

About Greenpeace Africa:

Greenpeace Africa is a growing movement of people acting to protect the environment. Our campaigns use peaceful, creative confrontation to expose environmental injustices around the world and develop solutions for a green and peaceful nature. Greenpeace exists because this fragile earth deserves a voice. It needs solutions. It needs change. It needs action.

About deCOALonize:

The deCOALonize campaign platform aims to unite campaigns and movements working to end the age of coal in Africa and move to clean, renewable energy. We are, uniting diverse campaigns with a call to halt new coal infrastructure in Africa. This campaign further aims to provide information to local communities, policy makers, academics, and civil society, on alternatives to coal for embracing clean energy in Kenya.

The planned investment in dirty coal is of dire concern - in light of Kenya's energy surplus and admirable position as Africa's leading nation in renewable energy. The truth is that the challenge Kenya faces is accessibility - ensuring electricity supply to urban, peri-urban and rural areas of Kenya - for domestic and industrial consumption.

The Lamu coal-fired power plant serves as a direct threat, not only to the livelihoods of the local population and to the World Heritage Centre in Lamu, but also to the world's climate.

Greenpeace Africa, deCOALonize and the local communities in Lamu and Kitui believe that mining and investments in coal cause more problems than coal-fired electricity could ever hope to solve. With abundant renewable energy resources in the country, Kenya Should be looking to leapfrog dirty development based on fossil fuels, and instead invest in cleaner, more affordable renewable energy technologies. The communities in Lamu and Kitui

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advocate for the right to live in a healthy and clean environment powered by renewable energy.

We are particularly concerned that Chinese Corporations, Amu Power, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC and Standard Bank, by proxy), Centum Investments and General Electric, intend to support the construction of 1,050 MW coal-fired power plant in Lamu, as well as support coal mining in Kitui.

- **We call upon you as our members of parliament** to stop the proposed budget allocation and put a stop to coal mining in Kenya.
- **We call upon you as our members of parliament** to raise our concerns with the relevant cabinet secretaries, and ask that the Government to rethink these regressive proposals and introduce a planning system that protects community voices, promotes sustainable development and Kenya's 100% renewable energy future.
- **We call upon you as our members of parliament** to put the sovereign rights and wishes of the people of Kenya above all external and selfish private sector considerations and safeguard our nation from unbecoming policy transfers.

Yours sincerely,

Greenpeace Africa and deCOALonize Campaign coalition in solidarity with Kenyan activists and the local communities in Lamu and Kitui.