



Timber & Furniture Sector Newsletter

24th February 2018

The Government imposed a Moratorium on timber harvesting in all public and community forests for a period of three months (90 days) to allow reassessment and rationalization of the entire forest sector in the country.



The Ministry of Environment and Forestry appointed a Task Force to inquire into forest resources management and logging activities in Kenya. KAM CEO Ms Phyllis Wakiaga was selected to be part of the task force.

30th April 2018

Following the submission of the final report by the task force on forest resource management

The government extended the Moratorium on logging in Public and Community Forests for a further period of six (6) months. The reason for the extension was to allow for the appointment of the new board of Kenya Forest Service and the interim reforms implementation Committee to be finalized and to undertake immediate measures to streamline the operations of KFS and the management of the forestry sector.

The Ban on logging activities in private owned farms and plantations was lifted.



National Tree Planting Day

Engagements

With Government Officials



>Task Force

- Discuss forest resource management and logging activities in Kenya

- Present the sector's position on the moratorium on logging

>Ministry of Environment

- Develop short term measures that would lead to continuity of business in private farms and plantation

>Treasury

- To present budget proposals for the sector