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## MCSK AFFIRMS TRIBUNAL'S DECISION ON MUSIC COPYRIGHT LICENSES

Music Copyright Society of Kenya (MCSK) wishes to inform its stakeholders that the High Court on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 referred the obtaining dispute on license to the Copyright Tribunal being the body mandated to deal with copyright disputes such as the matter that had been filed by MCSK in case no. **HCCOMMPET/E014/2024**.

Effectively, yesterday's ruling reaffirmed the earlier decision made by the Copyright Tribunal that annulled the PAVRISK license issued by KECOBO.

MCSK and KAMP licenses are the only valid authorization for copyright and related rights exploitation. For the avoidance of doubt, the court directed that all matters under dispute be referred back to the Copyright Tribunal hence the prior ruling by Tribunal **annulling PAVRISK purported license as a CMO**. As such, there's no legal entity known as PAVRISK.

We urge all music users to comply and pay for usage of music and copyrighted works in line with the directive of the court.

We appreciate the trust and support of our members and stakeholders as we continue advocating for fair and equitable copyright administration in Kenya.

**NOTE:** All music users are advised to follow the Copyright Tribunal's ruling and avoid misinformation from unofficial statements. Please refer to the official ruling attached here.

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