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The Music Copyright Society of Kenya (MCSK) welcomes the High Court's ruling today on the appeal for stay orders filed by the Kenya Copyright Board (KECOBO), which aimed to legitimize a new licensing entity, PAVRISK.

The court upheld the earlier decision of the Copyright Tribunal, directing KECOBO to issue interim operating licenses to MCSK, the Association of Music Producers (KAMP), and PRISK under the joint licensing regime known as KPM. KECOBO had sought to block this directive but was unsuccessful. This ruling restores stability in an industry that has faced confusion since KECOBO licensed PAVRISK as a sole entity last year. MCSK and KAMP have jointly opposed this unfair treatment by the regulator, and today's decision provides clarity on music copyright licensing in Kenya.

MCSK views the ruling as fair and balanced, and we embrace it as an opportunity to foster collaboration between Collective Management Organizations (CMOs) and the regulator for the growth of the music industry in Kenya. We reiterate our commitment to complying with regulatory requirements to ensure transparency and good governance in serving our members as we look forward to a brighter future.

Yours,

DR. Ezekiel Mutua, MBS Chief Executive Officer

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