



MARKET NOTICE - COVID 19 PANDEMIC

Uganda Securities Exchange (USE) notes that the corona virus (COVID-19) pandemic, now confirmed within the East African region, has raised concerns about the impact on the smooth operation of businesses. Although no cases have been confirmed in Uganda, we wish to assure all market participants that interventions are in place to ensure uninterrupted access to trading, settlement and other services provided by the Exchange and the Securities Central Depository (SCD). Some of these measures include:

1. Connection of all Brokers and SCD Agents to USE Access Point Name (APN) services to facilitate full remote access to the Automated Trading System (ATS) and Central Securities Depository (CSD) web portals. The services will only facilitate access to these portals to preserve security of the ATS & CSD infrastructure and minimize exposure to cyber security threats.
2. Collaborating closely with all market participants to ensure seamless communication with the Exchange to attend to any queries or service support requests that may arise during normal working hours.

As part of our prudent safety precautions, we encourage all stakeholders to utilize the option of electronic transmission of documents versus physical delivery. All physical copies of documents delivered to the Exchange will be attended to after a minimum 10 day waiting period. Where possible we encourage tele-conferences and web based meetings in lieu of physical meetings.

The Exchange assures all market participants that it will continue to monitor and evaluate the situation and will keep all stakeholders updated on the status of the market.

In the interim, however, please note that the market will remain open with usual trading hours of 9:00am to 1:00 pm and all services including data services, provision of daily trade reports and Issuer disclosures' approval and circulation will continue uninterrupted unless otherwise advised.



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