

**SPEECH BY THE ACTING MANAGING DIRECTOR, SHELTER AFRIQUE ON THE  
OCCASION OF THE SIGNING OF A USD 9 MILLION FACILITY**

**AGREEMENT WITH THE**

**NATIONAL HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LTD (NHCC)**

**NAIROBI, 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2014**

Minister of Lands, Housing & Urban Development of Uganda

Chairperson of NHCC Uganda;

The Managing Director of NHCC Uganda;

The Management and Staff of NHCC Uganda & SHAF;

**Ladies and Gentlemen;**

- It is my pleasure to be here today to participate in this ceremony and to sign a project finance facility Agreement between Shelter Afrique and NHCC Uganda.

- This is an important day in the history of Shelter Afrique in that; to strengthen our partnership for a 2<sup>nd</sup> time with a reputable housing developer in the Ugandan market. Our 1<sup>st</sup> partnership started way back in 1996 when Shelter Afrique advanced a facility of USD to the company to develop the Nyaala housing project.
- As the housing sector gains increasing prominence in the national development agenda in Uganda, the project finance facility Agreement we are signing today is a sign of our commitment to the country's housing sector & and future partnerships on large scale developments through PPP's to reduce the housing deficit which stands at 160,000 units per annum.

**Ladies and Gentlemen;**

- As a Pan-African development financial institution, Shelter Afrique was established by African Governments, ADB and Africa-Reinsurance with a

clear mandate of mobilizing resources for housing development in Africa.

Over the years, it has acquired substantial operational experience and established itself as a credible housing finance institution.

- In furtherance of its mandate, Shelter Afrique supports environmentally sustainable housing projects by providing direct loans to finance construction of residential and commercial property. Shelter Afrique also avails Lines of Credit to primary housing finance institutions for origination of mortgage loans and to support construction activities.
- The project finance facility we are signing today will enable NHCC Uganda to construct a housing project of 162 units for outright sale to the public in Namungoona. The Project cost estimate is about USD 16,817,814. This specific scheme is targeting the upper middle-income segment where demand has been rapidly rising especially for housing units selling in the price range of USD 135,000 to USD 220,000.

**Ladies and Gentlemen;**

- With the Government efforts to reduce the housing deficit by 50% in 2025, Uganda, like other African Countries require significant investments in the Housing Sector. Therefore the project finance facility Agreement between Shelter Afrique and NHCC Uganda this a step in the right direction and marks an important milestone for our two institutions. Moreover, we are committed to support the Government of Ugandan in rolling out housing PPP projects that will pave way for possible increase in Capital Subscription to ensure effective intervention for Shelter Afrique in the market.
- As I conclude, I would like to commend the Board & management of NHCC Uganda for the leadership, vision and stewardship to transform housing industry in Uganda. Shelter Afrique salutes you and look forward

to growing the business relationship that has just started, for the mutual benefit of our respective institutions.

Thank you.

**YEKINI OLAYANJU**

**ACTING MANAGING DIRECTOR- SHELTER AFRIQUE**