COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF KENYA

PRESS STATEMENT

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UPDATE BY THE COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF KENYA (CA) ON THE "WANNACRYPT0R" RANSOMWARE CYBER ATTACK

Further to the statement issued on Saturday 13th May 2017 on the WANNACRYPT0R ransomware attack, the Authority - through the National Kenya Computer Incident Response Team (National KE-CIRT) - wishes to provide the following update:

So far, the National KE-CIRT has received nineteen (19) reports of instances where the WannaCrypt0r virus has infected networks and computers in Kenya. The Authority will continue working with stakeholders to mitigate the effects of such instances while encouraging parties to put in place preventive measures.

In light of the foregoing, the Authority wishes to remind the public and organizations of the need to put in place the following measures, which we recommended in our previous statement:

i. Ensure that you keep an up-to-date back up of your important computer files offline. This will ensure that in the event your computer is attacked, you can restore your files from the backup.
ii. Ensure that your computer's Operating System (OS) is updated. This is especially for users running the Windows operating system in their computers, which is the main target of this particular cyber attack.
iii. Ensure that your anti-virus is up-to-date.
iv. Avoid clicking on links or opening attachments or emails from people or sources you don't know or companies you don't do business with.
v. Be alert when opening emails especially if they contain links or attachments. You should also take special attention of any email attachment that advises you to enable macros to view its content. Unless you trust the source, do not enable macros and instead delete the email immediately and permanently.

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The Authority shall, through the National Kenya Computer Incident Response Team Coordination Centre (National KE-CIRT/CC), continue liaising with local and international stakeholders to prevent and manage incidents of this cyber threat. Locally, the KE-CIRT is working closely with other government agencies, the banking and telecommunications sectors, academia and information security professionals to enhance the security of Kenya's cyber infrastructure.

We further encourage individuals and the public at large to report any incidents to the **National KE-CIRT/CC.**

The Authority also wishes to take this opportunity to thank its stakeholders for their continued support and further reiterates its commitment to enhancing the safety of Kenya's cyberspace.

About the National KE-CIRT/CC

The National KE-CIRT/CC is Kenya's national cyber crime management trusted point of contact, and is globally recognized. Members of the public are therefore advised to contact the National KE-CIRT/CC via the email address incidents@ke-cirt.go.ke or through the dedicated hotlines +254-703-042700/+254-730-172700, to report such incidences or seek advice on cyber-security. For further information, visit the National KE-CIRT/CC website at http://www.ke-cirt.go.ke or http://www.ca.go.ke.

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