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The Permanent Secretary

Lagos State Ministry of Lands Bureau

Alausa Secretariat

Ikeja, Lagos



Dear Sir/Madam,

## **CRIPPLING DELAYS, SABOTAGE AND CORRUPTION IN LAND DOCUMENTATION PROCESSING AT THE LAGOS STATE LANDS REGISTRY: INITIAL LETTER OF PROTEST.**

The Nigerian Bar Association, Ikeja Branch, writes to express, in the strongest possible terms, our deep concern and growing dismay over the paralysing delays currently being experienced by Lawyers at the Lagos State Lands Registry, Alausa. These delays, now a source of untold hardship for lawyers and other stakeholders such as Surveyors, other Real Estate professionals and indeed the general public, have now reached a ridiculous level that can no longer be excused or justified.

Drawing from the direct experiences of our colleagues, your Ministry's migration of documentation activities to the "Aumentum Platform"—a digital platform which was intended to usher in a new era of seamless, digital land transactions has only delivered the opposite: crippling inefficiency, endless bottlenecks, and allegations of internal sabotage.

Routine transactions such as filing documents, obtaining charting assessments, or securing enforcement approvals now drag on endlessly. Worse still, the experiences of our colleagues reveal that some desperate applicants are allegedly being extorted by officials at the Lands Bureau (particularly those at the "MTN Building") with promises of fast-tracking files. This is nothing but a clear affront to the principles of transparency and professionalism, the very foundation upon which public service is built.

To compound matters, the Lands Bureau reportedly opens its doors to the public only three days a week (Tuesdays–Thursdays) between 12 pm and 4 pm. Access to the departments is further restricted by a limited "tag system," which has become yet another artificial hurdle in an already chaotic process.

Sir, please note that this initial letter of protest is in line with our new "3C's" engagement strategy: Communication, Consolidation, before Confrontation. On this score, we demand a clear and comprehensive roadmap from your ministry within the next seven (7) working days—a roadmap that must demonstrate concrete steps toward resolving this crisis once and for all.

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Let it be known that the Nigerian Bar Association, Ikeja Branch, stands ready to work with your ministry to interrogate, improve, and support the implementation of any reasonable and transparent solution. However, in the event of any lack of goodwill, urgency, or sincerity of purpose in addressing this matter, we will be constrained to embark on a systematic advocacy and protest plan—including, if need be, the picketing of the Lands Bureau—to ensure a total reversal of this unacceptable state of affairs.

We trust that this matter will receive your immediate and personal attention in the public interest.

Yours faithfully,



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