

PRESS STATEMENT

Autoterminal Japan Ltd.

Date: 23rd October 2023

Re: Clarification on Various Aspersions Regarding ATJ Operations in Kenya

We sincerely wish to inform the esteemed public that for over twenty-six (26) years, Autoterminal Japan Ltd., a globally recognized company committed to Roadworthiness, Quarantine/ Biosecurity inspection, Odometer, Radiation and Vehicle Structural inspection according to ISO 17020:2012, has been at the forefront of professionally inspecting and verifying used motor vehicles for Governments and the people in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and Oceania.

A few years back, Kenya's Office of the Auditor General raised concerns pertaining to our operations in Kenya. We consider it our duty to address these concerns and present the truth to the public as follows:

1. Doubts were raised by the Auditor General about our company's very existence and its operations in the United Kingdom.
2. Following these allegations, debarment proceedings were initiated against us by the Auditor General. These proceedings were subsequently halted by the High Court in Nairobi on 2nd June 2021.
3. The Public Procurement Regulatory Authority, without undertaking its own independent verification, mirrored the Auditor General's claims. A comprehensive investigation would have required site visits to our inspection facilities in Japan and a detailed analysis of records and inspection data from our operations in the United Kingdom.
4. We have consistently demonstrated, through verifiable evidence, our legitimate operations in the United Kingdom. This evidence was presented and affirmed before the National Assembly's Public Investments Committee, during the debarment proceedings with the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority, and within the High Court in Nairobi.
5. The Nairobi Court suspended the debarment proceedings following our challenge to the Audit Report's veracity and the fairness of the proceedings.
6. We have since furnished pertinent authorities with robust evidence, including lease agreements and comprehensive details of our inspection facilities situated in Tilbury, Sunnyhill House, and Eastleigh in London, countering the false claims of our non-existence.

7. In addition, we have shared with relevant Kenyan agencies detailed records and inspection data from our United Kingdom inspection lines to further affirm our active operations in the UK.
8. To solidify our stance, we provided photographic evidence of our operations. This evidence distinctly showcases that the Kenya Bureau of Standards has conducted multiple routine assessments at our mentioned sites.
9. Our operations, as evidenced, stand testament to our transparency and strict adherence to the law. Any counterclaims remain unsubstantiated and appear as targeted attempts to disparage our company's standing.
10. We remain steadfast in our mission and continue to lead the inspection and verification of used motor vehicles globally with unwavering dedication.

In conclusion, our commitment to transparency and excellence remains resolute. We thank various Governments globally, the public and all stakeholders for their continued trust and understanding.

Sincerely,
Mamoru Fujie



Chief Executive Officer
Autoterminal Japan Ltd.