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RE-CLAIM OF UCC LAND OWNERSHIP BY ODIKRO OF KWAPROW

Cape Coast, August 9th, 2022: The attention of the University of Cape Coast has been drawn to the content of a press statement by one Nana Kwesi Mensah III presenting himself as the Chief of Kwaprow, a community within the University of Cape Coast.

The University wishes to respond as follows:

1. The University of Cape Coast land was first acquired under an Executive Instrument, State Lands (University College) Instrument, 1969 (E.I. 87). This was amended in 1972 by the Executive Instrument (E.I. 13), **State Lands (Cape Coast- Site for University College) Instrument, 1972**. The land size covered under the E.I 13 is 6.22 square miles.
2. It is instructive to note that, at the time of the acquisition, the Lands Valuation Board of the Lands Commission was tasked to identify the owners of the lands. There were 63 individuals and families who owned various sizes of land making a total of 6.22 square miles. Records from the Lands Commission shows that full compensation for 95% of the total land size was paid to the prior owners. Of the remaining 5% not fully paid, records show part payment to the owner(s), file of the owner(s) not available at the Lands Commission and conflicting claims made by different individuals or families.
3. It is untrue that the government reduced the size of the land from 7 sq. miles to 4.5 sq. miles and ceded the remaining to Kwaprow or any other community.
4. Any such reduction or cession of portion of the University land ought to be done through the same Executive Instrument but no record exists to prove that claim.
5. Notwithstanding the receipt of full compensation, the University has, over the years, witnessed concerted efforts by the leadership of the

communities, including Kwaprow, to sell portions of the university lands.

6. Provisions under the Public Lands (Protection) Decree, 1974 (NRCD 240) as amended by the Lands Act 2020, (Act 1036), enjoin public bodies entrusted with public lands to take measures to protect the land.
7. The University is currently constructing a fence wall to halt further encroachment on its land. It is this act that the same people of Kwaprow are protesting for no apparent justification.
8. At the instance of the Oguaamanhen, Osabarima Kwesi ATTA II, the University of Cape Coast Management met with residents of AMAMOMA AND KWAPROW on 2nd February, 2022, to discuss the way forward in respect of residents whose structures would be affected by the planned construction of a wall by the University. At the said meeting, it was agreed that affected persons should submit relevant details for purposes of verification, since it was established that most of them did not possess valid documents to the land.
9. The University assured residents whose properties fell within the wall that it did not intend to DEMOLISH their properties. There is no evidence whatsoever to prove any demolition of properties belonging to residents whose properties fall within the said wall being constructed.
10. The University is worried by the threat issued by the said chief that **'if persuasion fails, force must be applied'**. Management, by this statement, is calling on the security agencies to invite the gentleman for interrogation and for further proof of his ownership of the portion of the University lands. This is imperative especially in view of the fact that the University has coexisted peacefully with its surrounding communities.

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The schedule to the E.I. 13 is reproduced hereunder

All the piece of land containing an approximate area of 6.22 Square Miles situate at Cape Coast in Cape Coast District in the Central Region of the Republic of Ghana lying to the North of and adjoining the Northern Edge of Cape Coast-Elmina motor road and astride the Kakum River and bounded on the North by open space and part of the said Kakum River and measuring on that side a total distance of 4,600 feet on the north-east by open space separating it from The Cape Coast-Jukwa motor road measuring on that side a total distance of 11,150 feet on the south-east by open space and By Pass measuring on that side a total distance of 8710.2 feet on the East by the said By Pass measuring on that side a total distance of 2266.9 feet on the South by the aforesaid Cape Coast –Elmina motor road and open space measuring on that side a total of 9070.5 feet on the West by open space measuring on that side a total distance of 4039.5 feet on the south–west by open space measuring on that side a total distance of 6797.1 feet and on the north –west by open space and measuring on that side 10,900 feet which piece of land is more particularly delineated on Plan No. L.D 7662A/34347 and thereon shown edged pink.

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