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Cytonn woes deepen as receiver eyes assets

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Investment firm Cytonn is in fresh trouble after the official receiver moved to the High Court to compel it to release title deeds to a property in Kilimani, Nairobi, belonging to one of the subsidiaries.

In the application filed at the High Court, the official receiver says the parent company Cytonn Investments Management Plc is holding three title deeds belonging to Cytonn High Yields (CHYS) LLP, which was placed under liquidation on January 6 by Justice Alfred Mabeya.

More than 3,000 people had reportedly invested more than Sh3 billion in one of the Cytonn subsidiaries.

Ms Judy Mugo, an assistant official receiver, said in the application that despite the liquidation order and being asked to surrender the title documents, the parent company has re-

Cytonn-managed funds and businesses

Money market fund in Sh & USD
Cytonn Education Investment Plan
Cytonn Affordable Investment Plan
Cytonn Personal Retirement Benefits Scheme
Equity fund
Balanced fund
Cytonn High Yield Fund
Cytonn Africa Financial Services Fund
Real estate++

SOURCE: CYTONN

fused to hand over the documents.

"That in order to preserve the creditors' assets and in line with the powers vested in the official receiver as the liquidator under the Insolvency Act, the Kilimani property should vest with the official receiver," said Ms Mugo.

She said the official receiver would protect the creditors' interests and funds, particularly Cytonn Investment

16 (CIP16), from being transferred or disposed of.

The official receiver alleged that CHYS entered into a financing agreement with CIP16 for Sh3 billion at an interest rate of 21 percent per annum, and the money might get lost if the court does not intervene.

"That it is, therefore, tried that this honourable court do compel Cytonn Investments Management Plc, or any other related Cytonn entity to surrender the three Kilimani property title documents to the official receiver," she said.

The application states that the official receiver will value the property, dispose of it and refund the investors their money.

CHYS was a collection basket where funds were collected from the investors who are the public and had applied for investments in independent special purpose vehicles registered by

the parent company.

Ms Mugo said the property in Kilimani is part of the assets owned by CHYS as the funds used to purchase it were drawn from the partnership.

Court documents state that CIP15 and CIP16 borrowed Sh500 million and Sh3 billion respectively from CHYS and the same was applied to different projects.

Three parcels

Further, the documents state that Sh25 million was used to buy 12.5 percent ordinary shares from Superior Homes (Kenya) PLC while the Sh3 billion was used to purchase three parcels of land in Kilimani.

CHYS was registered to invest funds by the partners in various investment opportunities sourced by the fund manager.

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Transport Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen holds his platinum card during the launch of Kenya Airways's Asante Rewards Loyalty Programme at the airline's head office in Nairobi yesterday. KENNEDY AMUNGO

KQ unveils loyalty initiative in race to reconnect with customers

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Kenya Airways (KQ) has launched

four-tier loyalty programme that will allow passengers to redeem their

points for tickets, seat upgrades and extra baggage allowance. The carrier said yesterday Asante Rewards will also allow travellers to get

KQ flew 3.7 million passengers in 2022 registering a 68 percent increase compared to 2021. "For 46 years, our customers have

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enabled us to win multiple awards and

recognition as the Pride of Africa. It is now time for us as Kenya Airways to say *asante* to our customers in a very special way," said KQ Group chief executive Allan Kilavuka.

The KQ boss said all the customers would be awarded 1,000 points on enrolment.

More benefits will be rolled out in the coming months as the airline onboards more partners.

The Asante Rewards Loyalty Programme will offer customers four tiers, which they can grow into as they accrue their points.

These are Silver, Ruby, Gold, and Platinum each offering unique benefits and privileges to ensure customers have a more rewarding experience when travelling with KQ. "This loyalty programme is a perfect step towards turning around

The long-awaited deal, after the two companies publicly revealed they were in talks in October, will now trigger prolonged scrutiny by the anti-trust regulator into whether an operator with 27 million customers can damage competition. Seeking to win over politicians, unions and the competition authorities, the two groups said they would invest £11 billion in Britain over 10 years to create what they described as "one of Europe's most advanced standalone 5G networks".

"Together, we will have the scale needed to deliver a best-in-class 5G network for the UK, transforming mobile services for our customers and opening up new opportunities for businesses across the length and breadth of the UK," CK Hutchison co-managing director Canning Fok said.

Under the terms, Vodafone will own 51 percent and Hutchison 49 percent of the combined group, which will be led by current Vodafone UK boss Ahmed Essam. The finance chief of Hutchison's Three UK, Darren Purkis, will take the same role in the new group.

The combined operator will have about 27 million customers, overtaking BT's EE and VM O2, jointly owned by Telefonica and Liberty Global.

the fortunes of Kenya Airways in the promising journey of making it competitive in the global aviation sector," said Transport Cabinet secretary Kipchumba Murkomen.

KQ reported its 10th consecutive loss after it completed a decade in the red territory with a record Sh38.26 billion full-year loss, hurt by debt and skyrocketing fuel prices.

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