

SIERRA LEONE **PRESS RELEASE**

ILLEGAL PETROLEUM ACTIVITIES IN UNAUTHORISED AREAS

It has come to the attention of the Petroleum Regulatory Agency that certain individuals are trading in petroleum products in an unauthorised public places. This is totally unacceptable and against the petroleum laws of Sierra Leone.

The Petroleum Regulatory Agency will be embarking on a joint patrol with the Sierra Leone Police to deter these emerging unscrupulous activities particularly in Freetown. It is worrisome that some of these illegal traders involve under aged children along the streets.

The following spots in Freetown have now been identified as notorious places for this inappropriate petroleum activities: Kinghaman Road / Hill Cot Junction, Wilkinson Road / Coal Farm Junction, Berry Street / Hill Bypass Road, Dwarzack Junction, Dundas Street and Passonage Street / Shell New Road.

The Agency which owes it responsibility to the people of Sierra Leone hereby urges anyone involved in such unlawful businesses to desist forthwith.

The general public, Oil Operators particularly dealers are warned not to aid or abet any such illegal activity as the crackdown will continue robustly to deal with defaulters.

Whilst Government continues to make the sector attractive, the regulatory landscape has also evolved with range of enforcement functions to maintain the integrity of the industry and the environment in which we operate.

We anticipate the cooperation of all.

SIGNED BY: PRA MANAGEMENT.



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