



KPC Volleyball team celebrating clinching the bronze medal during the Volleyball Club Championships.

## VOLLEYBALL TEAM TRIUMPHANT RETURN FROM CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIP

BY BELINDA MULINDI

**K**enya Pipeline Volleyball Club led by Club Chairman Paul Njuguna and Head Coach Esther Jepkosgei jetted back into Nairobi from Cairo this morning. The team were the bronze medalists at the just concluded 37th Africa Women's Volleyball Club Championships. Their return to Nairobi was met with jubilation and pride, as the team's performance in Cairo showcased their prowess and determination on the international stage.

In a fiercely contested tournament that saw teams vying for supremacy, Kenya Pipeline Volleyball Club exhibited grit and resolve in every match they played. Despite facing formidable opponents, they remained steadfast in their pursuit of victory, showcasing their technical proficiency and strategic prowess throughout the tournament. Head Coach Esther Jepkosgei could not hide her joy at the team's performance.

"As a team, we are incredibly proud of our bronze finish at the 37th Africa Women's Volleyball Club Championships. It's a testament to our hard work, dedication, and resilience throughout the tournament. This achievement is not just about the medal; it's about the journey, the lessons learned, and the bonds forged. We will cherish this moment and use it as motivation to strive for even greater success in the future," she said.

The highlight of their campaign came in the bronze medal match against KCB, where KPC delivered a stellar performance defeating their opponents 3 – 1 (18-25, 25-21, 25-16, 25-16) to secure a podium finish. It was a moment of triumph and celebration as the team's hard work and dedication paid off, cementing their status as one of the top volleyball clubs on the continent.

Moreover, amidst their collective success, individual accolades shone brightly for the team. Triza Atuka's outstanding performance saw her being recognized as the best blocker of the tournament, an indication to her exceptional talent and contribution to the team's success.

Triza was excited about her win stating, "I am humbled by this win. I want to thank God, my teammates, the technical bench and Kenya Pipeline Company for giving me an opportunity to play and excel at volleyball." Her achievement not only reflects her dedication to

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the sport but also serves as an inspiration to aspiring volleyball players across the nation.

As the team returns home with their heads held high and medals gleaming, Club Chairman Paul Njuguna noted, "We return to Nairobi with our heads held high and hearts filled with pride. The bronze finish at the Women's Volleyball Club Championships is a testament to our team's skill and dedication and also a reflection of the spirit within the Club. I want to thank the whole team for their unwavering commitment and devotion, our coaching staff for their guidance and expertise, and KPC management for their unwavering support."

The team will take a few days to rest then resume practice for the upcoming Kenya Volleyball Federation (KVF) 4th national league later in the month.

**Triza Atuka voted best blocker of the tournament.**





**KPC Volleyball team Head Coach Esther Jepkosgei together with Pamela Owino (r) and Daisy Chepkorir (l) after receiving their bronze medals.**





KPC and KPRL Board of Directors pictured after the official handover of the share certificate at the KPRL offices in Mombasa.

# LAST STEP IN TAKEOVER OF KPRL

BY BERNARD KIMANI

In a significant development poised to reshape Kenya's oil and gas sector, Kenya Pipeline Company (KPC) recently received the share certificate for Kenya Petroleum Refineries Limited (KPRL). This strategic move, aimed at streamlining operations within the industry, represents an important milestone in petroleum sector.

The ceremonial handover of the share certificate took place recently at KPRL offices in Mombasa, in the presence of key figures from both KPC and KPRL boards. Faith Boinett, Chair of the KPC Board, expressed optimism about the prospects this move holds for Kenya's petroleum ambitions, stating, "The full transfer of KPRL's shareholding to KPC signifies a bold step towards maximizing our nation's oil and gas

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potential. This consolidation aligns with our vision of positioning Kenya as a leading player in the regional energy landscape."

Echoing these sentiments, KPC Managing Director, Joe Sang, emphasized the strategic importance of leveraging KPRL's assets to drive Kenya's emergence as a regional oil and gas hub. Sang remarked, "This initiative underscores our commitment to harnessing the synergies between KPC and KPRL to bolster our nation's petroleum infrastructure. By consolidating our efforts, we aim to enhance operational efficiency and unlock new opportunities for growth and development."

Lilian Mahiri-Zaja, Chair of the KPRL Board, hailed the move as a





**Left to Right: KPC Board Chair Faith Boinett, KPC MD Joe Sang, KPRL Ag. MD Joseph Ndoti, and KPRL Chair Lilian Mahiri-Zaja pictured during the momentous official handover of the share certificate at the KPRL offices in Mombasa.**

testament to the government's unwavering commitment to advancing the nation's petroleum agenda. "The full transfer of KPRL's shareholding to KPC heralds a new era of collaboration and innovation within the sector," Mahiri-Zaja affirmed. "This strategic alignment will not only bolster operational efficiency but also reinforce Kenya's position as a key player in the regional petroleum landscape."

Joseph Ndoti, Acting Managing Director of KPRL, emphasized the importance of ensuring a smooth transition process to maintain operational stability. "As we embark on this transformative journey, our priority remains the well-being of our employees and the seamless integration of our operations," Ndoti stated. "We are fully committed to upholding the highest standards of operational excellence and service

delivery throughout this consolidation process."

Following the official handover, both institutions convened a townhall meeting with KPRL staff to address any concerns and provide assurance regarding job security. This engagement underscores the commitment of KPC and KPRL to prioritize the welfare of their employees amidst the transition.

The full transfer of KPRL's shareholding to KPC marks a significant milestone in Kenya's petroleum sector evolution, signaling a new chapter of collaboration, efficiency, and growth. As the nation continues to chart its course towards petroleum self-sufficiency and regional leadership, this strategic move sets the stage for a transformative journey in Kenya's petroleum landscape.