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**PRESS RELEASE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF SCRAP METAL COUNCIL  
MR. FRANCIS MUGO  
ON**

**UPSURGE IN THEFT AND VANDALISM BY THE SCRAP METAL DEALERS**

Scrap Metal Council takes exceptional concern on an upsurge in cases of theft and vandalism targeting critical public and private sectors infrastructure in Kenya as widely reported in the Country recently.

As Scrap Metal Council, which is the regulator of the scrap metal industry in Kenya, we are obliged to take action as stipulated in the Scrap Metal Act No.1 of 2015:-

1. We have revoked the license of Triple Seven Collectors Ltd with immediate effect.
2. We are in consultation with Inspector General of Police and Commissioner General (KRA) to be supplied with information on all misconducts in scrap metal industry for appropriate action.
3. We are in the process of gazetting our Inspectors, whom we will dispatch across the country to monitor activities in the industry.
4. We are notifying all those trading in scrap metal without licenses from the Council that they risk being arrested and will have their businesses closed as their cases are being prosecuted.
5. We strongly advise Government agencies planning to dispose scrap metal to do so in consultation with Scrap Metal Council.
6. Finally, we wish to remind all players in the industry that engaging in vandalism of critical private and public infrastructure will be swiftly dealt with in accordance with provisions of the Scrap Metal Act of 2015.