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HIGH COURT DECLINES FURTHER BID TO HALT DIAGEO-ASAHI TRANSACTION

Nairobi, 17 June 2026 – East African Breweries PLC (EABL) welcomes today’s High Court ruling declining to grant conservatory orders sought by JILK Construction Company Limited and others in relation to the proposed Diageo-Asahi transaction involving Diageo’s shareholding in EABL.

As a responsible listed company, EABL has at all times respected the Court process. We have defended, and will continue to defend, these matters through lawful channels. EABL is encouraged that the Court reiterated the significant public interest and public finance implications of the transaction, as EABL remains a major contributor to Kenya’s economy, and a leading taxpayer and employer.

The transaction has received full and unconditional approvals in Uganda and Tanzania. The outstanding regulatory approval remains merger clearance from the Competition Authority of Kenya. In light of today’s ruling, it is clear that unrelated historical disputes should not be used to delay or derail a transaction of significant public and economic interest.

EABL remains focused on delivering long-term value for shareholders and supporting the many people and sectors connected to our business across East Africa.

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