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CEO's Opening Remarks at the Signing of the MoU between ERA&UNBS

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The Executive Director of Uganda National Bureau of Standards – Dr. Ben Manyindo, Media Fraternity, Ladies and Gentlemen.

I take this opportunity to welcome you all to witness the cementing of the co-operation between the Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERA) and the Uganda National Bureau of Standards (UNBS).

Overtime both the UNBS and the ERA have been concerned about the accuracy of electricity meters used by distribution companies, the construction standards of electricity infrastructure in Uganda as well as the quality of electrical equipment used in the electricity sector.

Today, we witness the two institutions commit to work together to address the above challenges. The Memorandum of Understanding that we are going to sign today aims to protect and promote safety of consumers and users of electricity in this country. Through this partnership, the UNBS and ERA will strive to:-

- ensure that electricity meters in the sector are tested in order to minimize disputes involving metering and incorrect billing;

- ensure that equipment used and infrastructure put in place in the electricity sector meets the requirements and standards in order to guarantee safety for the electricity users;and
- increase stakeholder awareness on sub-standard electrical cables, fittings and accessories.

I thank the UNBS for the role they play in protecting Ugandan consumers and, as the overseer of the electricity sector, pledge ERA's commitment to partner with you to promote safety of our electricity consumers.

Thank you

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