



NSSF DISPUTES CONTRACTOR CLAIM

The National Social Security Fund (NSSF) has stated that it will not pay the Kshs. 1.89 Billion estimated contractual claim presented by its contractor in respect to the construction of the Hazina Trade Centre in Nairobi.

NSSF Acting Managing Trustee/CEO Dr. Anthony Omerikwa says that the Fund has not paid any claim and is currently sourcing the services of the State Department for Public Works for review, verification and guidance on the claim.

The contractor is claiming payment following the stoppage of the construction of the Hazina Trade Centre expansion works following a dispute with the then NSSF anchor tenant Nakumatt Holdings.

The Contractor had presented a claim amounting to Kshs. 6.9B that was revised downward by NSSF's consultants to Kshs. 1.89B, which is now being further reviewed and verified by the State Department for Public Works.

At the time the anchor tenant Nakumatt took tenancy of the building in 2003, its lease with the Fund was expressed that the building was incomplete but ready for partial occupancy as it had to be finalized as earlier intended.

The Fund has in the meantime relooked the whole project and scaled it down to 15 floors from the initial 36 floors. The building is being finalized at a total cost of Kshs. 4B down from the initial Kshs. 6.7B.

In February 2013, the Fund entered into a contract for Kshs. 6.7B for the completion of an additional 36 floors on the existing building in Nairobi's Central Business District.