NSSF DISPUTES CONTRACTOR CLAIM

The National Social Security Fund (NSSF) as 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 Fund's Hazina Trade Centre in Nairobi.

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

The contractor is claiming the 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. 6.9 Billion that was revised downward by NSSF's consultants to Kshs. 1.89Billion 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 express that the Building was incomplete but ready for partial occupancy and the building has to be finalized as earlier intended in the future.

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

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