



## **KENYA MARITIME AUTHORITY**

### **BIO DATA – MR. JOHN GERIN MSAFARI**

John Msafari holds a B. Com (Hons) degree from the University of Nairobi, Kenya and is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (FICS), London and a Member of the Institute of Directors, Kenya.

Mr. Msafari is a qualified business administrator with a wide experience in both private and public sector for over 35 years. He is a professional in International Trade, Shipping and Customs and a Consultant on Revenue Administration. He has worked in executive positions both in the public and private sectors.

Mr. Msafari is currently the Administrative Director of Alpha Group, a conglomerate of companies operating in East and Central Africa and engaged in Fishing, Marine Logistics and supply base solutions for Oil & Gas Operations; shipbuilding and repair. He served as the Commissioner General of the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) from 1998 to 2001. As the Chief Executive, he was instrumental in developing governance structures and strategies to improve tax revenues in Kenya, leading to impressive growth in the Authority's revenue. Internationally, Mr. Msafari assisted in setting up the Gambia Revenue Authority under a World Bank funded Capacity Building Project and served as the Commissioner General Designate and later an Advisor to the Commissioner General where he was instrumental in reviewing the drafting of the Gambia Customs & Excise Bill, 2008, among other assignments.

Mr. Msafari has demonstrated commendable ability to lead teams of diverse cultures and skills. In 2009, he was awarded Commander of the National Order of the Republic of the Gambia (CRG) in recognition and appreciation of the exemplary Leadership and Service to The Gambia Revenue Authority. He has served for over 20 years as Chief Executive of Kenfreight (EA) Ltd and Oceanfreight (EA) Ltd – logistics and shipping companies respectively operating in East Africa.

Mr. Msafari has served as Board Member in the Kenya Ports Authority for six years from 1996 to 2001, the Central Bank of Kenya as well as the Kenya School of Monetary Studies (2011 to

2015), Kenya International Freight & Warehousing Association and the Kenya Ships Agents Association. He was a founder member and Chair of the Kenya Shippers Council. He is currently the Chair of the Board of Fusion Investment Management Ltd, the Kenya Association of Fish Processors & Exporters and Director of East African Sea Food Ltd and Fish Levy Trust Fund.