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JAMII BORA BANK LTD AND SHELTER AFRIQUE IN KSHS.100 MILLION MORTGAGE FUNDING DEAL.

Kenya’s fastest growing bank, Jamii Bora Bank Limited (JBBL) and Pan-African mortgage financier, Shelter Afrique, today signed an agreement that will see JBBL receive a Kshs. 100 million loan for mortgage origination.

The loan agreement, which was signed by JBBL CEO, Sam Kimani and Shelter Afrique Managing Director, James Mugerwa, is meant to augment JBBL’s ability to lend for the purpose of purchasing low-cost residential housing, incremental building and home improvement.

“The main objective of this agreement is to shore up our mortgage portfolio with a specific focus on low-cost housing development. In this respect, the maximum single loan amount we can lend is Kshs. 2 million,” said Mr. Kimani.

Mr. Kimani said the loan programme was targeted at self-employed, salaried individuals and community groups whose monthly net income is Kshs. 100,000 and below. The mortgage applications shall be subject to the bank’s lending policies and procedures and would be fully secured in line with the terms and conditions set out under the agreement.

“Under this agreement, JBBL shall provide mortgage finance to the applicants at an annual interest rate not exceeding 20%,” added Kimani.

Shelter Afrique managing director, James Mugerwa, expressed delight at the partnership with JBBL saying the bank was idea for supporting housing development for low-income groups.
“As Africa continues to develop what we expect to see is rapid urbanization; by most measures 70 percent of Africa will be living in urban centers by 2030 and this points to the huge gap between demand and supply for adequate and affordable housing; we believe that our social housing line will be one of the many ways to bridge this gap”

“To bring it closer home; there is a large shortage of decent housing in Nairobi and other parts of Kenya hence the need to come up with tailor-made solutions suitable for the low to middle income groups,” said Mugerwa.

Under the deal, JBBL shall pay interest semi-annually to Shelter Afrique for a period of seven years. The agreement takes effect immediately.

JBBL has in recent months launched partnerships to develop residential property for academic institutions with a Kshs. 1 billion hostel development project in Murang’a University College and a Kshs. 30 million hostel construction at Shanzu Teachers’ college.

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ABOUT JAMII BORA BANK

Jamii Bora is Kenya’s fastest growing Bank, with a dedicated customer base of over 300,000 and 34 outlets countrywide. Since December 2010, the Bank’s core capital has grown stand at KShs1.4 billion, and has plans to increase that by a further KShs1 billion 2015 to support growth.

In a move to diversify funding and stabilise its balance sheet the Bank successfully issued a Corporate Bond offer via private placement of KShs1 billion 5-year tenure bond, priced at 13.3% per annum which was oversubscribed by 2%. This also enabled the Bank to finance its continued penetration into the micro enterprise & housing sector and the underserved SME market with new products and services.
About SHAF

Shelter Afrique (SHAF) is the only pan-African finance institution that exclusively supports the development of the housing and real estate sector in Africa. A partnership of 44 African Governments, the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the Africa Reinsurance Company, Shelter Afrique builds strategic partnerships and offers a host of products and related services to support the efficient delivery of affordable housing and commercial real estate.

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