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IRRIGATION ACT

[Date of assent: 29th July, 2019.]

[Date of commencement: 16th August, 2019.]

AN ACT of Parliament to provide for the development, management and regulation of irrigation, to support sustainable food security and socioeconomic development in Kenya, and for connected purposes

[Act No. 14 of 2019.]

PART I – PRELIMINARY

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Irrigation Act, 2019.

2. Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

"agriculture" has the meaning assigned to it under section 2 of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Authority Act, 2013 (No. 13 of 2013);

"Authority" means the National Irrigation Authority established under section 7;

"authorized" means authorized by or under this Act;

"Board" means the Board of the Authority established under section 9;

"Cabinet Secretary" means the Cabinet Secretary for the time being responsible for matters relating to irrigation;

"Chief Executive Officer" means the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority appointed under section 12;

"commercial irrigation farmer" means a farmer who by means of irrigation grows crops primarily for sale;

"county irrigation development unit" means the unit or entity established by a county government to carry out irrigation matters under section 14;

"Department" means State Department of Irrigation;

"Dispute Resolution Committee" means the Dispute Resolution Committee established under section 8(2)(d);

"farmer" includes a crop, livestock or fish farmer;

"irrigation" means any process, other than by natural precipitation, which supplies water to crops or any other cultivated plants, livestock, aquaculture and desired forest trees;

"irrigation scheme" means a systematic and orderly irrigation system covering a defined area of land regardless of the type or system of irrigation employed;

"irrigation management transfer" means the transfer to the users of authority and responsibility for both governance and delivery of management services in an irrigation and drainage scheme;