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# JOINT PRESS STATEMENT BY THE AYAWASO WEST MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AND THE ENGINEERING COUNCIL

The Ayawaso West Municipal Assembly and the Engineering Council provide this official update on the construction incident that occurred on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at "The Address" project site in Roman Ridge.

We wish to clarify that contrary to initial reports in the media, there was no structural collapse of a 10-storey building. The event, which occurred at approximately 12:15 pm on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, involved the collapse of part of the first-floor podium concrete slab which was being cast.

Fourteen workers working on the slab sustained injuries and were promptly transported to the 37 Military Hospital and Ridge Hospital for medical care. As of 7:30 am today, Wednesday, October 29, 2025, twelve workers sent to the 37Military Hospital have been treated and discharged, while two remain in stable condition under observation at the Ridge Hospital. We extend our best wishes for their full and swift recovery.

In immediate response, the Ayawaso Municipal Chief Executive convened an emergency meeting of key stakeholders at his office today, October 29, 2025 leading to the formation of a seven-member independent investigative committee. This committee, comprising experts from the Engineering Council, Architects Registration Council, NADMO, Ghana National Fire Service, and Ayawaso West Municipal Assembly, is mandated to conduct a thorough and transparent investigation. Its purpose is to determine the root cause of the failure and to propose concrete recommendations to prevent any future occurrences.

All work on the affected site remains halted pending the outcome of this investigation. The committee will issue a comprehensive public report upon the conclusion of its work, and its findings will be instrumental in strengthening our enforcement and compliance mechanisms.

We urge the public and media to rely on these official channels for accurate information. We reaffirm our unwavering commitment to upholding the highest standards of safety and accountability in the built environment and in the Ayawaso West Municipality.

#### Signed:

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