KPA is hit by economic squeeze

THE Kenya Ports Authority is operating under tight economic constraints which have a bearing on future planning.

KPA chairman Lawrence Wamhaa said this when speaking at the official opening of the Sh. 60-million phase one Kilindini high-level housing scheme by the Mayor of Mombasa, Coun. Rajab Sumba.

Mr. Wamhaa said: “I would mention that we are keeping in step with changing technology in the way of handling cargo such as in container handling and in the handling of bulk commodities such as coal.

The chairman said that every effort was being made to adapt to new changes by modernising existing facilities, acquiring new equipment and expanding handling space.

Mr. Wamhaa said that 46 acres had also been acquired for the construction of a container depot outside the port area.

“Special interest is also being taken in the development of landing jetties at all the smaller ports along the Kenya coast and in the development of Kenya ports in general. All these areas require substantial funding,” he stressed.

Mr. Wamhaa said the KPA would continue to pursue housing projects so as to relieve housing pressure on the municipal authority and other housing agencies.