

**PUBLIC STATEMENT ON REPORT BY STARR FM AND PUBLISHED ON STARR
FM'S WEBSITE**

**RE: FAKE LEDING MEDICAL LAB COVID19 TEST REPORT GIVEN TO TRAVELER
TO NIGERIA FROM K.I.A.**

1. It has come to the attention of LEDing (GH) Limited, operators of LEDing Medical Laboratory, today the 3rd day of February, 2021, that Starr FM interviewed a lady by name Portia Kissi Adu on its morning programme, who alleged that on her recent trip to Nigeria and whilst aboard the aircraft waiting to depart to Nigeria from the Kotoka International Airport (K.I.A.), she was given a fake negative-status COVID-19 laboratory test report or certificate purportedly issued by LEDing Medical Laboratory, without any sample having been previously taken from her for the test.
2. The story, which was subsequently published on Starr FM's official website (www.starrfm.com.gh) further alleges that Ms. Kissi Adu was handed this fake COVID-19 laboratory test certificate by a staff of the airline she patronized, ASKY AIRLINE, and that she was asked to pay an amount of Seven Hundred Ghana Cedis (GHC 700) in exchange for the fake test certificate by the airline staff that attended to her and permitted her to board the aircraft in the first place without a valid negative-status test certificate.
3. LEDing Medical Laboratory is pleased to note that the published news report correctly described the test certificate as fake, being that it was indeed never issued by LEDing Medical Laboratory, which is clearly demonstrated by the presence of a serial number on the fake test report that does not correspond to the authentic automated serial numbers (both in sequence and numbers) generated and used by LEDing Medical Laboratory in serving the general public.
4. Our test certificates also have a unique bar code which can be used to verify its authenticity and a mandatory check by the airline staff, in line with agreed protocols and directives issued by the Ghana Airports Company Limited and other industry stakeholders, would have revealed that the test certificate furnished to Ms. Kissi Adu was not authentic and did not originate from LEDing Medical Laboratory.
5. It is also instructive to note that in her narrative, Ms. Kissi Adu states that she was handed the fake test certificate by staff of the airline involved, ASKY AIRLINE, and not any member or staff of LEDing Medical Laboratory or LEDing (GH) Limited.
6. LEDing Medical Laboratory wishes to assure the general public that its medical test reports are protected with unique security identifiers or markers which are incapable of



duplication and forgery without detection. These security features are constantly being upgraded to meet the ever-dynamic security requirements associated with offering such a critical service to the public. It is on account of the existence of these security features that our team, upon launching an investigation into the report by Starr FM, was readily and speedily able to determine the phony character of the test certificate handed by the airline staff to Ms. Kissi Adu and published on Starr FM's website.

7. Having confirmed that the published test certificate is indeed fake, LEDing (GH) Limited and its legal advisors are taking immediate steps to lodge a complaint with the Criminal Investigations Department of the Ghana Police Service to investigate and bring to book the reckless perpetrators of the activities alleged by Ms. Kissi Adu.
8. Accordingly, we hereby request the cooperation of Ms. Portia Kissi Adu, management of Starr FM and the management of ASKY AIRLINE with the Ghana Police Service in their duty to investigate and unravel the culprits behind the alleged incident.
9. By this public statement, we wish to draw the attention of the general public to the nefarious activities of unscrupulous persons who wish to take advantage of the vulnerabilities of some members of the general public by enticing them to participate in such nefarious conduct, which ultimately jeopardizes public health and safety.
10. We further wish to encourage the general public to be good ambassadors in the fight to end this deadly COVID-19 pandemic by refusing to patronize the activities of these dishonest characters when offered, no matter how convenient or appealing their activities may seem in the moment, and report these persons to the Ghana Police Service or the Ghana Health Service for the necessary actions to be taken against them. Ultimately, we all need to be each other's keeper in ending this pandemic.

DATED THIS 3RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021.

SIGNED: 

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