

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
TANZANIA COMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY AUTHORITY



PUBLIC NOTICE

SHUTDOWN OF GTV (Tanzania) LIMITED
SATELLITE CONTENT SERVICES BY SUBSCRIPTION

On Friday, 30th January 2009, GTV (Tanzania) Limited ceased to provide services to its subscribers in Tanzania. The main reason for GTV (Tanzania) Limited to shut down was that it could not obtain content from the UK-Based Gateway Broadcast Services Limited which has gone into liquidation. GTV (Tanzania) Limited was among the 22 companies in Africa who have been affected.

On Monday, 2nd February 2009, the Management of Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) summoned GTV (Tanzania) Limited to its offices to seek an explanation and discuss, among other things, consumer rights of the subscribers. There was further meeting between TCRA and GTV (Tanzania) Limited that was held on Tuesday, 10th February 2009.

We would like to issue the following information to the general public;

1. The shareholding structure of GTV (Tanzania) Limited is in accordance with the law and regulations: 51% Tanzanian and 49% Foreign (GTV Holdings Limited (Mauritius));
2. GTV (Tanzania) Limited was licensed on 12th September, 2007 by TCRA to provide Support Services for Satellite Content Services by Subscription in the Tanzania Mainland;
3. GTV (Tanzania) Limited shutdown their services on 30th January 2009 in the circumstances explained above;
4. At the time of closing its services, GTV (Tanzania) Limited had 35 employees, 40 dealers and about 20,000 subscribers in Tanzania.

5. The Management of GTV (Tanzania) Limited has informed TCRA that a liquidator is being appointed soon by a local court to deal with all relevant issues of creditors to GTV (Tanzania) Limited.
6. Granting of the Licence to GTV (Tanzania) Limited was subject to submission of a performance Bond to the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority guaranteeing due performance of the licence conditions.

TCRA shall ensure that consumer rights are upheld.

Issued by:

Director General
Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA)