

FURTHER TRR LICENCE REVOCATIONS –

TRR HAS REVIEWED ITS LICENCE REGISTRY AND HAS REVOKED TWO ADDITIONAL LICENCES: ETECH AND CNS

In the months of April and June 2014, Yumi Konek, Hotspotzz Ltd, Wavecom Ltd and Micoms Ltd had their telecom licences revoked by TRR. On 25th July 2014, TRR revoked two further telecommunications licences that were issued to CNS (Computer Network Services Ltd) and eTech Ltd.

All of these revocations were made based on the grounds that these former licensees were not providing any form of telecommunications services as authorized by their Licences, nor had they complied with the Licence terms and conditions, and they not have any future plans to do so; which is the primary purpose of holding and requiring a licence. Each licensee was consulted and agreed for the revocation to take effect.

The revocation orders issued by TRR now leave the total number of telecommunications licences in Vanuatu at eight, in total; namely:

1. Telecom Vanuatu Ltd (TVL)
2. Digicel (Vanuatu) Ltd
3. Wantok Network Ltd
4. Incite Technology at Work
5. Interchange Ltd
6. Telsat Broadband Ltd
7. Skycloud Networks
8. Spim Ltd

The number of licensees now accurately reflects the competition level of the telecommunications market sector through the active licensees operating in Vanuatu since 2008. From the 8 licensees, two are mobile and fixed telephone service providers (TVL and Digicel) while the rest, including TVL and Digicel, are ISPs.

The revocation of the inactive licensees does not and will not affect, in any way, competition within the sector. The sector continues to develop and grow as new services and value added services are introduced within the markets; much of which has been stimulated by the Government's innovative National ICT Policy and its Universal Access Policy.