THE JUDICIARY OF TANZANIA

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA AT DAR ES SALAAM

CIVIL CASE NO. 26033. OF 2024

CASE REFERENCE NO. 202410171000026033

LISA STEVEN SEMGALAWE ..... COMPLAINANT / APPELLANT / APPLICANT / PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

VODACOM TANZANIA PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY ..... RESPONDENT / DEFENDANT AGGREY & CLIFFORD LIMITED ..... RESPONDENT / DEFENDANT TSERE'S CO. LTD ..... RESPONDENT / DEFENDANT

DECREE

WHEREFORE, the plaintiff instituted this suit against the defendants jointly and severally, praying for the following reliefs:

1. That this Honourable Court be pleased to declare that the Defendants infringed the Plaintiff's copyright and have unjustly enriched themselves by the unlawful utilization of the Plaintiff's voice over/voice recording via the said IVRs *for* commercial gain without being equitably remunerated and without authorization and/or consent, resulting in loss of earnings and goodwill.
2. An order for payment of a sum of Tanzanian Shillings Two Hundred Sixty-Three Billion, Five Hundred Forty Million, Nine Hundred Eighteen Thousand, Six Hundred

and Twenty-Three (TZS 263,540,918,623/=) being damages for the unauthorized use of her distinctive voice-over/voice recording on the 1st Defendant's network responses as IVRs resulting in the infringement of the Plaintiff's copyright.

3. An order for the defendants to pay 50% royalties arising from the benefits gained as a result of interfering with the plaintiff's copyright over her voice-over recording, without lawful compensation, without authority and/or consent *for* commercial gain, with interest of 20% per annum from the date of the cause of action to the date of full payment;
4. An order for payment of interest on the decretal amount mentioned under paragraph (ii) hereinabove at the Court's rate of 18% per annum from the date of judgment to the date of payment in full.
5. Punitive Damages to the tune of Tanzanian Shillings Two Hundred Million (TZS 200,000,000/=)
6. Costs of the suit; and
7. Any other reliefs this Honourable Court deems fit and just to grant.

This matter is coming up for judgment on this 4th day of September 2026 before **Hon. H.S. Mushi, DR,** in the presence of Ms Mourine Rwehangisa, learned counsel for the plaintiff, Mr Deogratias Tesha, for the 1st defendant, Mr Grayson Laizer, for the 2nd defendant, and in the absence of the 3rd defendant.

THIS COURT DOTH HEREBY ORDER THAT: -

Judgment and decree are hereby entered against the 1st defendant as follows:

1. The 1st defendant infringed the plaintiff's copyright and unjustly enriched herself by the unlawful utilisation of the plaintiff's voice-over (IVRs).
2. The 1st defendant should pay the plaintiff general damages to the tune of Tanzania shillings one hundred million (TZS 100,000,000.00).



3. The 1st defendant should pay court interest at the rate of 7% of the decretal amount under (ii) from the date of judgment to the date of full payment.
4. Punitive Damages to the tune of Tanzanian shillings twenty million (20,000,000.00).
5. Costs of the case be borne by the 1st defendant.

Given under my Hand and Seal of this Court on this 4th day of September 2026.

A.A. Mbagwa

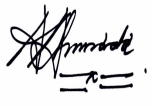
JUDGE

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(i) The 1st defendant infringed the plaintiff's copyright and unjustly enriched herself by the unlawful utilisation of the plaintiff's voice-over (IVRs). (ii) The 1st defendant should pay the plaintiff general damages to the tune of Tanzania shillings one hundred million (TZS 100,000,000.00). (iii) The 1st defendant should pay court interest at the rate of 7% of the decretal amount under (ii) from the date of judgment to the date of full payment. (iv) Punitive Damages to the tune of Tanzanian shillings twenty million (20,000,000.00). (v) Costs of the case be borne by the 1st defendant.

Decree Dated at **DAR ES SALAAM SUB-REGISTRY** this 4th of September 2026 at .

GIVEN under my HAND and SEAL of the court this 4th of September 2026 at .



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JUDGE OF THE HIGH COURT