



UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
MINISTRY OF ENERGY
ENERGY AND WATER UTILITIES
REGULATORY AUTHORITY
(EWURA)



IN THE MATTER OF ROUTINE INSPECTION OF LPG OPERATIONS
AND
IN THE MATTER OF CHECKING ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW AND
HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS ON HANDLING OF LPG
CYLINDERS BY LAKE GAS LIMITED
(COMPLIANCE ORDER NO: 05-11-2024)
REFERENCE NO: BA.308/493/02/ Vol.III /14
(Made under section 39 of the EWURA Act, Cap. 414)

PRELIMINARIES

On 3rd October, 2024 onwards, EWURA sent three Petroleum Inspectors to conduct an investigation regarding illegal refilling of LPG and storage of LPG cylinders at a residential premises at Kagomu Street, Mahina Ward in Mwanza City. The investigation followed some information regarding the matter received from an employee of Taifa Gas (T) Limited that there was a fire incident resulting from activities of LPG's illegal refilling which occurred on 2nd October, 2024.

During investigation, it was revealed that Wilisamehe Munisi and Nelson Munisi jointly were in possession of 35 empty and nine filled LPG gas cylinders of different sizes from various brands (as seen in some pictures taken at the scene of incident) including nine 38kgs and two 6kgs cylinders belonging to Lake Gas Limited. The culprits were also found in possession of weighing scales and refill pipes for undertaking illegal refilling of LPG contrary to 32(1) of the Petroleum (Liquified Petroleum Gas Operations) Rules, 2020. Furthermore, possession of such LPG cylinders which belongs to different companies was undertaken without having a dealership agreement with such companies contrary to rule 27(1) of the Petroleum (Liquified Petroleum Gas Operations) Rules, 2020. EWURA also observed that storage of the cylinders found in possession of the culprits was done at a residential and un-safe premises which endangers public health, safety and the environment contrary to section 179 of Petroleum Act, Cap. 392 and rule 40(1)(b) of the Petroleum (Liquified Petroleum Gas Operation) Rules, 2020 which prohibits conducting petroleum operations in unauthorized premises and in a manner that endangers public health, safety and Environment.


Pursuant to rule 41(1), (2) (3) and (4) of the Petroleum (Liquefied Petroleum Gas Operations) Rules, 2020, Lake Gas Limited as an LPG Wholesaler is, at all times, required to keep track of all its LPG cylinders above 16 Kgs and in the event an LPG cylinder above 16 Kgs cylinder is used in the illegal decanting and/or refilling, the supplier of such cylinder shall be deemed to be negligent in accordance with the law and punishable as such.

ORDER

THEREFORE, and based on the foregoing EWURA has considered the matter in accordance with the applicable laws and has decided that **Lake Gas Limited** be and is **HEREBY ORDERED** to:

- a) immediately ensure that it monitors and keeps track of its LPG cylinders pursuant to rule 41(1), (2) and (3) of the Petroleum (Liquefied Petroleum Gas Operations) Rules, 2020; and
- b) explain in writing within seven (7) days from the date of receipt of this Order why legal action should not be taken against **Lake Gas Limited** for failure to monitor and keep track of its LPG cylinders thus resulting to its LPG cylinders being used for illegal refilling by Wilisamehe Munisi and Nelson Munisi contrary to rule 41 of the Petroleum (Liquefied Petroleum Gas Operations) Rules, 2020.

GIVEN under the seal of the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority this 8th November, 2024.


Stanley P. Mahembe

ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL

Order served upon, and received by

..... LAKE GAS LTD this 13 day of 12 2024.

Name..... GABO AZDAGIAT

Signature..... [Signature]

Designation..... PLANT SUPERVISOR

(Official Stamp)



This Order is issued in duplicate. Sign both copies and retain your copy while the other copy is to be returned to the Authority to authenticate due service of the Order.



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Photo 1: Front view of the house where illegal LPG activities were undertaken



Photo 5: Burnt cylinder seized by The Fire and Rescue Services Force



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Photo 6. LPG cylinders seized by The Fire and Rescue Services Force



Photo 7. Lake Gas Limited LPG cylinders (38kg) seized by **The Fire and Rescue Services Force**



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Photo 8: Devices used in decanting and refilling of cylinders seized by The Fire and Rescue Services Force

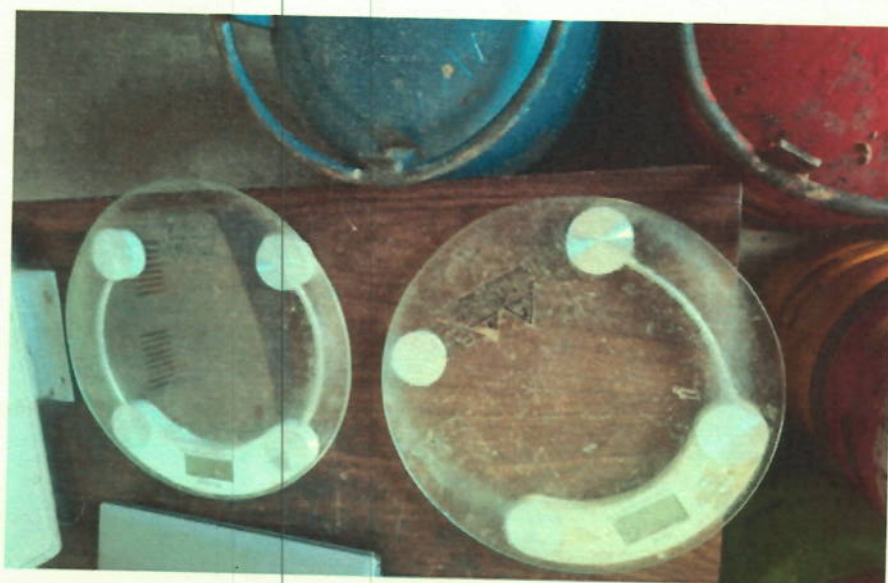


Photo 9. Weighing scales