

News Flash



Economic News

'Two firms escape delisting on GSE'

Two companies suspended from trading their shares last year due to violations of listing obligations to the Ghana Stock Exchange (GSE), have been able to escape delisting. Last year, Cocoa Processing Company (CPC), Pioneer Kitchenware and Aluworks were given notice of delisting from the bourse and trading in their shares was also suspended. Information indicates that both CPC and Aluworks were granted waivers to continue trading following some successful interventions deployed in turning around the fortunes of their respective operations. Pioneer Kitchenware however was expected to be delisted from the bourse at the end of 2018, since the company has failed to make any progress in improving its operational performance and listing obligations to the minimum standards set by the operators of the bourse despite several notices to do so.

Source: Myjoyonline.com

'EOCO delaying arrest of cryptocurrency scam operators—Victims allege'

Victims of cryptocurrency scam, Global Coin Community Help are accusing government of dragging its feet in addressing their grievances. According to them, although their issue is similar to that of Menzgold, government has failed to bring the perpetrators to book, several months after their deposits amounting to GHS 135m got locked up in crypto-currency investments. Earlier reports showed that Global Coin Community Help swindled more than 110,000 customers of their deposits last year. "What it will eventually lead to is what is happening with Menzgold that out of frustration, people will now get desperate." Kwaku Agyemang, a spokesperson for some of the victims said in an interview. The Economic and Organized Crime Office (EOCO) in November last year, initiated investigations into the issue as it announced. However Mr. Agyemang said EOCO is taking too long in its investigations. Source: Citifmonline.com

Corporate News

'Recapitalisation to drive interest rates down'

The Managing Director of Zenith Bank Ghana, Mr Henry Oroh, has said that the recent recapitalisation exercise that has seen 23 banks increase their minimum stated capital to GHS 400m will increase competition in the industry which will subsequently drive interest rates down. He said the recapitalisation exercise meant that every bank was now ready to chase businesses that would ensure that their returns justified the increase in capital. He also said that it was good news for consumers who would benefit from the excess capital in the industry at a cheaper rate. "The capital increase is going to make the business more competitive going forward. When you increase capital from GHS 120m to GHS 400m in such a short space and there are over 20 banks, then that is a lot of funds injected in the market. Capital has increased by almost 300% and this will lead to competition for space which will benefit the consumer," he explained.

Source: Graphiconline.com

'First Sky Group expands operations in Ghana'

The First Sky Group, owners of First Sky Construction, First Sky Commodities and Volta Serene Hotel has added two more subsidiaries to its conglomerates, namely, Serene Insurance and First Sky Bitumen Processing Limited. Serene Insurance, which is worth GHS 20m is the "New Face of Insurance", poised to bring on board the Ghanaian Insurance Industry, innovative products and excellent service delivery that combines both efficiency and cost-effectiveness. First Sky Bitumen Processing Limited is also expected to produce world class bitumen in the West African sub region. Speaking at the 16th Anniversary Celebration in Accra, the Executive Chairman of the group, Eric Seddy Kutortse reiterated the company's commitment to continuously work within the confines of the law and also abide by sound business practices. Source: Citifmonline.com

'Databank denies dealing in gold'

Databank Financial Services has said claims that it has started dealing in gold collectibles following the collapse of Menzgold Ghana Limited are false. According to the investment bank, it is not into gold collectibles and does not intend going into such business. "It has come to our attention that pronouncements have been recently made in the press claiming that Databank is dealing in gold collectibles. "We would like to assure our customers and the Ghanaian public that this claim is false. We are not licensed to deal in gold collectibles, have never done so, and do not intend to deal in gold collectibles", a statement released by the firm clarified.

Source: Myjoyonline.com

Currency - Interbank	Rate 14 Jan	Rate 15 Jan	%Change
USD/GHS	4.8751	4.8901	-0.31
GBP/GHS	6.2636	6.2789	-0.24
EUR/GHS	5.5885	5.5984	-0.18
CHF/GHS	4.9658	4.9628	0.06
CNY/GHS	0.7202	0.7234	-0.44
ZAR/GHS	0.3525	0.3545	-0.56

The cedi depreciated against all the major trading currencies.