



## Television in Georgia – Ownership, Control and Regulation

### Background

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The official ownership information was provided by the Georgian National Communications Commission. Additional information was gathered by TI Georgia from reliable sources but is unconfirmed and should thus be regarded as **BACKGROUND INFORMATION ONLY**.

| Station/Licensee | Legal address                                                                                     | Phone                | Owner(s)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Akhmeta TV-1     | Cholokashvili Str. 49, Akhmeta, 0900 Georgia                                                      | 21711                | 100% Municipality (Gangeoba) of the Akhmeta region, <b>a government broadcaster.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Borjomi          | Rustaveli square 1, Borjomi, 1200, Georgia                                                        | 826721978            | 25% LTD Iberia, 25% LTD Ilioni, 20% Tsutskiridze Tristan, <b>who heads the local assembly (Sakrebulo),</b> 20% Kupatadze Marina, <b>the wife of the head of the local assembly,</b> 5% Japaridze Mariam.                                                                                                                            |
| Gorda            | Alazani Ave. 10, Telavi, 2200, Georgia                                                            | 72274                | 67% Mamukelashvili Givi, 33% Mamukelashvili Giorgi. <b>The two are brothers, associated with Gocha Mamatsashvili, deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of Georgia. This TV company started its operation when Mamatsashvili was head of the local municipality.</b>                                    |
| Mega TV          | Solomon Str. 7, Khoni, 5900, Georgia. <b>Since 2006, this company has been located in Kutaisi</b> | 823521257            | 100% Kikabidze Merab. <b>The owner is associated with Akaki Bobokhidze, an MP for Kutaisi in the Parliament of Georgia and member of the „Unified National Movement”. He was a former representative of Khoni in the same position.</b>                                                                                             |
| Metskhre Talgha  | Rekvava Str 22, Poti, 4400, Georgia                                                               | 24114                | 67% Zhvania Gela, 33% Todua Mamuka. <b>He is director of Argonuts, chairman of the Georgian Nuts Exporter Association and a former vice-governor to Gorozia.</b>                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Odishi           | Z. Gamsakhurdia Str. 19, Zugdidi, 2100, Georgia                                                   | 821551771; 893306336 | 70% Grigolia Emma. <b>She is the mother of the head of the municipality of Zugdidi,</b> 20% Kobalia Aleksandre. <b>He heads the municipality of Zugdidi.</b> 10% Kim Kim. <b>He was adopted by Grigol Kobalia, the father of the head of the municipality of Zugdidi.</b> The director of the company is a nephew of Emma Grigolia. |
| Rioni            | Paliashvili Str.2, Kutaisi, 4600, Georgia                                                         | 823151532; 41470     | 100% Ghvinianidze Tamar. <b>She was appointed as a secretary of the „United National Movement”.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |



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| Spektri                                                                                                                                                        | Tamarashvili Str.4/8,<br>Akhaltsikhe, 0800, Georgia                                                             | -----                   | 30% Nikabadze Levan,<br>25% Meskheli Giorgi, 25%. <b>He is the brother of Amiran Meskheli, the Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs.</b><br>10% Chilingarashvili Zurab 10%, <b>the head of to the tax administration in Samtskhe-Javakheti;</b><br>10% Sagoiani Gevorg, <b>the head of patrol police in Samtskhe-Javakheti;</b><br>10% Merabishvili Ivane 10%, <b>Minister of Internal Affairs of Georgia (but it is possible that this is another person with the same name – the name Merabishvili is quite common!);</b><br>10% Khutsishvili Nino. |
| Studio Maestro –<br><b>There is no single channel broadcasting in Mtskheta. However, the GNCC in its data lists two stations to be registered in Mtskheta.</b> | Didgori Str.68/22,<br>Mtskheta, 3300, Georgia<br>Maestro has its office and studio in Tbilisi, not in Mtskheta. | 351446                  | 38% Ebralidze Giorgi, 38% Ghlonti Mamuka, 19% Chikvaidze Levan.<br>Ghlonti told TI Georgia that the following individuals each hold 10%, based on an oral agreement: Ghlonti Mamuka, Chikvaidze Levan, Ebralidze Giorgi, Akobia Eka, Bitadze Zurab, Rukhadze Malkhaz, Otashvili Kakha, Kvirkhulia Elene, Kikabidze Bacho, Gakharia Magda.                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Trialeti                                                                                                                                                       | Mgaloblishvili Str.3, Kareli,<br>4500, Georgia                                                                  | 827071039;<br>827071331 | 50% Nanetashvili Jondo,<br>50% Nanetashvili Badri, ex-MP, “Unified National Movement”, <b>Vice-Governor</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| TV Era-Adjara                                                                                                                                                  | Era Str.17, Batumi, 6000,<br>Georgia                                                                            | 888222 74033            | 50% Metreveli Merab, <b>brother of an employee of the Ministry of the Interior.</b><br>50% Gogoberidze Sulkhan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Tvali                                                                                                                                                          | Kostava Str.7, Sagaredjo,<br>3800, Georgia                                                                      | 825142363               | 50% Kurdovanidze Tamar, <b>mother of Gia Natsvlishvili, the regional head the “United National Movement.”</b><br>25% Archvadze Otar,<br>25% Tseradze Nana.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |