

DECISION

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A Decision issued by the Telecommunications
Regulatory Authority under the
Telecommunications Mergers and Acquisitions
Regulation, Regulation 3 of 2004

22 January 2006

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Article 3.2(b) NON-OPPOSITION



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On 3 January 2006, the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (the “TRA”) received a notification of a proposed transaction pursuant to Article 2 of the Telecommunications Mergers and Acquisitions Regulation¹ (the “Regulation”). Under the proposed transaction Mobile Information Services W.L.L., presently a branch company of Khayami Plastic Factory W.L.L., is to be converted to an independent W.L.L. Company.

After examination of the notification, the Authority has concluded that the notified transaction does not raise serious doubts as to its compatibility with the Regulation.

I. The Parties

The parties to the transaction are involved in the following activities:

- Khayami Plastic Factory W.L.L: *manufacture of plastic pipes, joints for electric plastic pipes, computer programming & data processing and commission agencies*
- Mobile Information Services W.L.L.: *telecommunications/ SMS-based services*

The parties to the transaction hold the following telecommunications licenses:

- Khayami Plastic Factory W.L.L: *None*
- Mobile Information Services W.L.L.: *VAS*

II. Bahrain Telecommunications Industry

The transaction involves a market affecting the telecommunications industry in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

III. The Transaction

Under the transaction Mobile Information Services W.L.L., presently a branch company of Khayami Plastic Factory W.L.L., is to be converted to an independent W.L.L. Company. This transaction is part of a redeployment of family businesses and assets.

¹ Regulation 3 of 2004, issued by the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority under sections 3(c)(1) and 65 of the Telecommunications Law.

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The transaction involves the complete transfer of all activities of Mobile Information Services into the independent company, that holds no other telecommunications license.

IV. Competitive Assessment

After examination of the notification, the Authority has concluded that there will be no horizontal or vertical relationship in the business activities of Khayami Plastic W.L.L. and Mobile Information Services W.L.L.. Khayami Plastic W.L.L., was in any case not active in the telecommunications market and only controlled Mobile Information Services W.L.L.. The Authority is, therefore, confident that the transaction is not likely to affect the Bahrain telecommunications market.

V. Conclusion

Accordingly, the Authority has decided not to oppose the notified transaction and to declare it compatible with the Regulation. This decision is reached pursuant to Article 3.2(b) of the Telecommunications Mergers and Acquisitions Regulation.

This decision shall be published in accordance with the provisions of the Telecommunications Mergers and Acquisitions Regulation 2004 and a copy of the same shall be served on the Parties and the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

For the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority

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22 January 2006