



Press Release

TRA's New Telecommunications Access and Infrastructure Manager works to facilitate the deployment of new competitive infrastructure - supporting greater choice to consumers;

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The General Director of The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) Mr. Alan Horne said "One of the key priorities of the new telecommunications companies is to be able to have the processes in place to build direct access to the end consumer. To support achieving this, we have created a new position. We are delighted to welcome Mr. Adel Al Showaikh as Manager of Telecommunications Access and Infrastructure who will be working closely with operators and the Central Planning Unit (CPU) to facilitate the deployment of new infrastructure in public and private properties".

Mr. Al Showaikh has been in the telecommunications sector for more than 16 years. He commenced his career in Batelco moving on to TRA with extensive knowledge and experience in planning, design, and deployment of telecom access network infrastructure that include both fibre and copper networks.

Mr. Al Showaikh will be initially utilising his experience in establishing comprehensive and fair guidelines to assist all telecommunications providers and the concerned parties for the design, deployment, operation and protection of telecommunications networks throughout the Kingdom.

On the occasion of his joining to TRA Mr. Al Showaikh said: "I am delighted to join TRA's team and be part of the TRA's responsibility to promote effective and fair competition between the telecommunication infrastructures providers, I believe that my knowledge and experience will be of benefit in enabling the smooth roll out of various telecommunication infrastructures in the Kingdom. I will be working closely with the Central Planning Unit (CPU), Municipalities, Operators and Developers in order to finalise guidelines and specifications. I will then look forward to supporting the on going operational issues associated with ensuring the secure provision of alternative telecommunications infrastructures".

Mr. Horne Said: "In order to maintain the quality and standards of our work we need to maintain a highly qualified, motivated and efficient team. I am certain that Adel will considerably assist our team to further develop a healthy competitive environment within Bahrain".

About TRA

The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) was established by Legislative Decree No. 48 of 2002 promulgating the Telecommunications Law. TRA is an independent body and its duties and powers include, among other things, protecting the interests of subscribers and users and promoting effective and fair competition among existing and new licensed operators. More information regarding TRA can be viewed at www.tra.org.bh