



Announcement

Manama, 6 August 2006 – The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) received today an order from the High Civil Court of the Kingdom of Bahrain requesting that the TRA temporarily suspend a part of Order 1 of 2006 issued by the TRA to Batelco until a final decision is reached by the court on the case.

The Court decision suspends only the part requiring Batelco to publish certain statements to the public.

The TRA has published this statement as well as the letter received from the court on its website. The TRA is filing an appeal against the decision of the court tomorrow (7th August 2006).

It should be noted that the order issued by the court does not affect the remaining aspects of the TRA's Order no. 1 of 2006 which remain in effect until the court reaches its final decision on the case. This means that the condition imposed on Batelco that it may not offer a retail product until and unless it submits and obtains an approval of a wholesale products still stands.

Note to Editors:

Order 1 of 06 was issued on 14 June 2006 by the TRA to Batelco in relation to Batelco's BD 10 Broadband packages. The non-confidential version of the Order can be viewed in the Orders section on the TRA's website www.tra.org.bh

About the TRA

The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) was established by Legislative Decree No. 48 of 2002 promulgating the Telecommunications Law. The 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 the TRA can be viewed at www.tra.org.bh