



*Press Release*

## **TRA Praises Batelco for Fulfilling its Obligations to Provide Leased Line Services Requested by Alternative Operators**

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Batelco has met all the requirements of the TRA Order Number 1 of 2008 issued on 30 March 2008 on time by providing all outstanding orders placed by 2Connect for leased line services and paying the fine of BD 100,000. Batelco has also satisfied similar orders of other alternative operators.

Commenting on the issue TRA's General Director Mr. Alan Horne said "I would like to praise Batelco for constructive approach in taking the necessary actions not only to follow the details of TRA's Order and meet their obligations by providing the leased line services to 2Connect but also in providing leased lines to other operators. This reflects Batelco's understanding to its obligations to work with other licensed operators in a collaborative manner for the benefit of Bahrain and consumers."

Alan Horne went on to say "I encourage Batelco to further develop and improve services to both wholesale and retail customers on equal terms for the benefit of Batelco, its employees, its shareholders and certainly the Kingdom".

Underpinning its duty to promote fair competition among licensed operators, TRA will continue to monitor the market to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Telecommunications Law and the Regulations.

### **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 operators effective and fair competition among existing and new licensed. More information regarding TRA can be viewed at [www.tra.org.bh](http://www.tra.org.bh)

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