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## **TRA's Board Approves 2009 Budget and Schedule of Fees Paid by Operators**

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The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) Board of Directors at their 46<sup>th</sup> meeting approved TRA's 2009 Budget together with a revised schedule of fees paid by licensed operators and users of spectrum.

TRA's Chairman of the Board of Directors Mr. Mohammed Ahmed Al Amer said "The approved 2009 fees have been adjusted and will assist the smaller telecommunications companies in these difficult financial times. Further they will encourage the larger companies who use significant spectrum and telephone numbers to efficiently utilize these scarce resources".

TRA's General Director Mr. Alan Horne said: "TRA has an objective to rebalance its charges to reflect actual costs associated with its main regulatory activities. It is also important that Licensees use the scarce resources of spectrum, rights of way over land and numbers wisely".

TRA's 2009 Schedule of Fees will be presented and discussed with the industry at the end of year review meeting which will be held at 9:30 on Thursday 27 November 2008 at the Crown Plaza Hotel. The review meeting will cover achievements during 2008 and planned actions for 2009.

### **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](http://www.tra.org.bh)



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