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## **TRA's Newly Appointed Board Holds First Meeting**

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The newly appointed Board of Directors of the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) held their first meeting at TRA's offices on the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

Present at the meeting were the Chairman Mr. Mohammed Ahmed Al Amer, and Board members Sheikh Hamed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Dr. Taqi AbdulRasool Al Zeera, Colonel Riyadh Eid Abdulla, and Mr. Tareq AbdulJalil Al Saffar. Also Present at the meeting was Mr. Alan Horne General Director.

The newly appointed board expressed their sincere thanks to Dr. Mohammed bin Jassim Al Ghatam and the previous board members for their active involvement in shaping Bahrain's telecommunications market during their term.

Commenting on their first meeting, Chairman of the Board, Mr. Mohammed Al Aamer said: "We are pleased and honoured to be entrusted with leading TRA in the coming 4 years. TRA plays a positive and important role that supports the national economy through encouraging and supporting competition in the telecom market, which results in providing the benefits of choice in services and prices to consumers in the Kingdom. We pledge our support to this vital organization".

During the meeting, TRA's General Director Mr. Alan Horne discussed in detail TRA's regulatory work plans and the upcoming projects. The projects included the issuing of a third mobile operator licence, carrier selection and number portability, which are three of several regulatory measures TRA are planning to implement in order to achieve greater consumer benefits and satisfaction.

Mr. Horne commented: "We welcome our new Board of Directors. The board members bring a cross section of experience, knowledge and wide contacts, which will, I am sure, support our working in a more effective manner".



**From left Mr. Alan Horne, Mr. Tareq Al Saffar, Mr. Mohammed Al Aamer, Sheikh Hamed Bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Colonel Riyadh Abdulla and Dr. Taqi Al Zeera**

### **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 operators. More information regarding TRA can be viewed at [www.tra.org.bh](http://www.tra.org.bh)

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