



TRA TO SIGN A MOU WITH THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION OF GREECE

Manama- 8th June 2004 - Dr. Mohammed J. K. Alghatam, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the TRA, received in his office a delegation from the National Telecommunications and Post Commission of Greece (EETT) headed by the Chairman of the Commission Dr. Emmanuel Giakoumakis. The Delegation is on a visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain during which its members will acquaint themselves with the Kingdom's experience in the telecommunications field, in addition to signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the TRA.

The MOU which was signed on Tuesday 8th June 2004, aims at consolidating the foundations of co-operation between the two telecommunications authorities in different issues of mutual interest, as well as exchanging information and expertise in areas related to the regulation of the telecommunications sector in both countries.

The TRA was established by virtue of Legislative Decree No. 48 of 2002, and it is an independent authority, the functions and terms of reference of which include protecting and safeguarding the interests of subscribers and encouraging a fair play and effective competition between operators in the telecommunications field in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

On the other hand, EETT which was established in 1992 by Act 2075 is the National Regulatory Authority of Greece, which supervises and regulates the telecommunications as well as the postal services market. EETT's purpose is to promote the development of the two sectors, to ensure the proper operation of the relevant market in the context of sound competition and to provide for the protection of the interests of the end-users. EETT is an independent self-funded decision-making body.

About the TRA

The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) was established by Legislative Decree No. 48 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