



## **THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS REVIEWS PROGRESS**

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The Board of Directors of the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) held its twenty first meeting last Sunday under the chairmanship of Dr. Mohammed J.K Alghatam, at the TRA offices in Taib Tower in Manama.

The Board of Directors was briefed on the progress of the Authority during the last few months, and its plans for the remainder of the year. In addition, the Board also approved the issuance of new telecommunications licenses.

Commenting on the meeting, the chairman of the Board of Directors Dr. Mohammed J.K Alghatam said, " The Board of Directors continues to monitor the progress of the TRA and its plans for the telecommunications industry. The TRA has come a long way during the past 3 years both in terms of the opening of the market and in establishing itself as a credible, independent and fair regulatory authority. The tasks ahead are just as important as it has to ensure that competition among operators is fair and to protect the rights of consumers in the Kingdom. All members of the Board of Directors continue their support of the TRA and look forward to its achievements for the benefit of the Kingdom of Bahrain and its citizens."

The meeting was attended by Shaikh Hamad bin Abdulla bin Mohammed Al Khalifa (member), Mr. Rasheed Al Meraj ( member), Dr. Rasheed Ashoor ( member) and Mr. Mohammed Yateem (member).

### **Notes to Editors :**

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

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority was appointed by His Majesty the King, Shaikh Hamad bin Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, based on the proposal submitted by the Minister of Transportation, and after the approval thereof by the Council of Ministers of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

HM the King issued a Royal Decree forming the Board of Directors of the TRA as follows:

Dr. Mohammed J.K. Alghatam (Chairman)  
Mr. Rasheed Mohammed Al-Meraj  
Shaikh Hamad bin Abdulla bin Mohammed Al-Khalifa  
Dr. Rasheed Jassim Ashoor  
Mr. Mohammed Hussain Yateem

The appointment of the Chairman and the first member shall be for a four years term and the other three members shall be for three years.

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