



## **TRA CONFIRMS IT HAS NOT ISSUED NEW SPECTRUM LICENSES**

**Manama 03 April 2006** – The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) confirmed today that it has not permitted the use of any additional spectrum for telecommunications use. This announcement comes after various media reports claimed that different technologies were either being deployed or tested in the Kingdom, most notably WiMax and point-to-point wireless links.

The TRA wishes to make clear that it has not licensed or in any way authorized the alleged use of such spectrum, which would therefore be illegal. In accordance with its original plan, the TRA will not be issuing any licenses for spectrum until the Spectrum Policy for the Kingdom of Bahrain has been finalized in cooperation with the Ministry of Transportation. Once published, the Policy will outline the licensing process publicly, and thus ensure that all interested parties are informed of the Authority's decision in a fair and transparent manner.

Furthermore, in cases where the TRA is presented with evidence of illegal use of spectrum, in accordance with the Law, will forward the information to the Public Prosecutor. The TRA also advises any person or entity with evidence of illegal spectrum usage to forward it to the appropriate authorities in order that the matter be dealt with according to the laws of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

### 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 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)