



TRA welcomes launch of Nuetel Communications services

Manama, 15 February 2006 – The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) welcomes the launch of services of Nuetel Communications and its investment in new telecommunications infrastructure in Amwaj Islands, as reported in the local press last week. TRA believes that Nuetel's innovative services will benefit both business and residential customers.

As the regulator, TRA is required to create a healthy environment that encourages the provision of competitive services and offers choices to consumers.. Through its licensing regime, TRA enables new operators to enter the market whilst at the same time ensuring that the interests of consumers are protected. Thus, TRA is pleased to see another service provider offering services in the Bahraini telecoms market, and looks forward to a wide range of competitive and innovative services being offered by all service providers in Bahrain.

On the occasion of the announcement of the launch of Nuetel's services, the General Director of TRA, Mr. Alan Horne, said: "We would like to congratulate Nuetel Communications on the launch of its services in Bahrain. We note the investment made by Nuetel in infrastructure and the proposed services, look forward to seeing new competitive solutions for consumers in Bahrain."

Note to Editors:

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