



**Manama, 19 February 2007** – The General Director of the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority, Mr. Alan Horne met today at TRA offices with HE Mr. William Monroe the Ambassador of the United States of America and Mr. Stephen Simpson, second secretary at the Economic & Commercial Office at the Embassy. The meeting focused on promotion of inward investment for the Kingdom and maximising the investment opportunities within the US Free Trade Agreement. Both parties discussed the importance of availability of advanced telecommunications infrastructures and diverse reliable access to international capacity at competitive prices and explored ways attaining such requirements in order to encourage investment in the Kingdom.

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