



## **BATELCO RIO APPROVAL - CLARIFICATION BY THE TRA**

The TRA wishes to clarify its approval concerning Batelco's Reference Interconnection Offer (RIO) dated 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2004 from the effective date of 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2004.

According to section 57(b) of the Telecommunications Law, a public telecommunications operator (PTO) determined by the TRA to have a dominant position in a relevant market is obliged to publish a RIO subject to TRA approval within three months of such determination and every six months thereafter. The TRA notes that the RIO is considered a 'live' document that is re-submitted for TRA approval every six months by a PTO in a dominant position, and therefore the TRA expects modification and development of the RIO where appropriate in response to market requirements and developments.

Batelco, having been determined by the TRA to have a dominant position in a relevant market for the purpose of interconnection, submitted a draft Reference Offer (RO), which included those services and terms constituting the Reference Interconnection Offer, to the TRA for approval. Following discussions between the TRA and Batelco, further draft versions of the RO were submitted to the TRA.

The TRA wishes to make clear that it has only formally approved the interconnection services offered by Batelco contained in its RO dated 31<sup>st</sup> May 2004. Batelco's RO includes terms and tariffs concerning interconnection services and it is these terms and tariffs that are specifically referred to as the RIO as per the Telecommunications Law. Batelco's RO also contains terms and tariffs for other services such as access services and wholesale services, which have not been formally reviewed by the TRA and therefore should not currently be considered as approved. Access services are currently the subject of consultation and subsequent determination by the TRA pursuant to section 57(e) of the Telecommunications Law, whereas wholesale services are covered by general tariff control as per section 58 of the Telecommunications Law.

The following table shows Batelco's RO by its constituent parts and their status as regards TRA approval.

<b>Reference Offer (version 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2004), Parts</b>	<b>TRA Approval Status</b>
Main Body	Effective 15 <sup>th</sup> June, 2004
Schedule 1 - Service Descriptions	Only Schedule 1 Part 1: Interconnection Services effective 15 <sup>th</sup> June, 2004.
Schedule 2 - Notification and Acceptance of Service Request	Effective 15 <sup>th</sup> June, 2004
Schedule 3 - Charges for Interconnection Services, Access Services and Wholesale Services	Only Schedule 3.1 Interconnection Services effective 15 <sup>th</sup> June, 2004.
Schedule 4 – Billing and Collection	TRA approval effective 15 <sup>th</sup> June, 2004
Schedule 5 – Ordering and Provisioning	TRA approval effective 15 <sup>th</sup> June, 2004
Schedule 6 – Fault Management	TRA approval effective 15 <sup>th</sup> June, 2004
Schedule 7 – Facilities Access Service	Not part of RIO review and currently subject to further ULL consultation and subsequent determination by the TRA.
Schedule 8 – Dictionary and Rules of Interpretation and Construction	Effective 15 <sup>th</sup> June, 2004
Schedule 9 - Supply Terms	Effective 15 <sup>th</sup> June, 2004
Joint Working Manual	Effective 15 <sup>th</sup> June, 2004.

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