



## **TRA Bahrain signs a Memorandum of Understanding with Saudi Arabia's Communication and Information Technology Commission**

**Manama, 28 May 2007** – The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of Bahrain (TRA) and the Communication and Information Technology Commission (CITC) of Saudi Arabia have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for cooperation in regulatory issues related to the telecommunications sector.

The MoU was signed by TRA's General Director, Mr. Alan Horne, and the Governor of CITC, Dr. Mohammed Al Sowail, during the Forth Annual Arab Regulators' Network Meeting hosted by TRA Bahrain last week.

The Memorandum aims to develop cooperation in issues of concern to the two regulators, such as tariff mechanisms, numbering, quality of service, interconnection, dispute resolution between operators, number portability and consumer protection.

The General Director of TRA, Mr. Alan Horne, commented as follows on the signing of the MoU: "This Memorandum is a step forwards for the two regulators towards establishing greater cooperation on common issues and benefiting from the mutual exchange of experience. This MoU enhances our already fruitful cooperation and aims to strengthen the regional telecommunications sector for the benefit of our consumers."

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

#### About CITC

The Communications and Information Technology Commission was established under the name of Saudi Communications Commission pursuant to the Council of Ministers Decision No. 74, dated 5/3/1422H. The name was changed after the Commission was entrusted with new tasks related to information technology, under the Council of Ministers Decision No. 123, dated 21/5/1424H.

The vision statement of the Commission is "Universally available, high quality and affordable communications and information technology services".

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