

*Press Statement*

**TRA has not Licensed Viper Networks Company to Provide Telecommunications Services**

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The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) would like to correct certain misleading information recently published in the press. In a press release issued by Viper Network Company on November 19, 2010 it was stated that TRA had issued 3 licenses to the company on November 2, 2010. This statement is factually incorrect.

Fastelco, an existing licensed operator in the Kingdom of Bahrain, has applied to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce to change its name to Viper Network Company. This process has yet to be completed at the TRA. Assuming no objections are raised to Fastelco's request to change its name the existing Fastelco licenses issued in October 2006 and January 2006 will be assigned to Viper Network Company. As such until such time as the change in name has been completed, or the existing Fastelco licenses are assigned to the Viper Network Company, Viper Network Company is not licensed to offer telecommunications services within the Kingdom of Bahrain.

**About TRA**

Since its establishment in 2002 the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of the Kingdom of Bahrain (TRA) has been working with government, consumers, operators and investors to develop the Kingdom of Bahrain into the region's most modern communications hub and to facilitate the growth of the market. As an exemplary Regulator for the region, TRA independently carries out its duties in a transparent and non-discriminatory manner. More information about TRA can be viewed at [www.tra.org.bh](http://www.tra.org.bh)

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