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REPLY TO TRA CONSULTATION PAPER ON MOBILE SIM LOCKING

After Compliments,

In reference to the TRA Consultation Paper Re Regulatory Position on Mobile SIM Locking issued 11 May 2009, please find below renna's reply.

Renna does not think that the practice of SIM locking should be allowed in the Sultanate. In reality, SIM locking is not working since examples from other countries show that many mobile phone shops offer the service to unlock the handsets. In addition, the codes for unlocking can even easily be bought of the Internet.

Examples from other countries have also shown that it is an unfair for smaller operators to compete when the incumbents heavily subsidy the handsets and placing a financial burden on smaller players to match the prices.

Since Renna does not consider SIM locking to be a successful way of stimulating competition, we have not responded to questions 2-4.

Sincerely Yours,



Niklas Nielsen
Chief Executive Officer

