

Saudi Arabia's telecoms regulator selects Nordicity to undertake a benchmarking study of interconnection rates

OTTAWA — December 21, 2005 — The Communications and Information Technology Commission (CITC), the telecommunications regulator of Saudi Arabia, has selected Nordicity to undertake a benchmarking study of the Reference Interconnection Offer (RIO) and to prepare a draft tariff decision.

The purpose of the consultancy is to prepare:

1. An international benchmarking study;
2. A draft decision providing tariffs and the rationale for them; and,
3. Assistance to the CITC in the preparation of a final RIO decision.

Nordicity's study will analyze interconnection-services rates. The project team will develop and propose equitable and appropriate tariffs (rates and related terms and conditions) for the Saudi Telecom Company (the incumbent) interconnection services. The interconnection services tariffs will be supported by appropriate rationale and justification to withstand any challenges. The project team will assist the CITC by responding to questions on the draft reports during the CITC's preparation of its final decision. The benchmarking study will include 15 to 20 countries; the countries will be grouped by various characteristics or feature sets.

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