

# Tender For Third Gsm Operator Cancelled

Yesterday, the CEO of the Communications Regulatory Agency (CRA), Jerker Torngren, was informed in writing by two companies of their concern over their participation in the GSM tender. Both Hrvatski Telekom (HT) and Mobilkom Austria, the main company behind VIP BiH, have expressed their serious concern over the politicization of the process. Consequently, HT has formally withdrawn its application for tender. For reasons of transparency you will find both letters attached.

The CRA, taking into account these developments and the serious concerns of these two determined bidders, has decided to cancel the tender for the third GSM licence.

Over the past several months, the CRA often stressed that the politically motivated criticism by government officials of the independent regulator and its work may jeopardize significant investment that is vital for economic development in BiH.

Following these drastic developments, CRA now hopes that a new and constructive dialogue with Council of Ministers can be established.

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