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To Facilitate Cash Dividend Distribution

Bahrain Clear and Al Salam Bank-Bahrain Link Up to Offer 'myShare' Card

Bahrain Clear, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bahrain Bourse signed an agreement on Wednesday, 14th February 2018 with Al Salam Bank-Bahrain, one of the pioneering Shari'a-compliant Banks in the Kingdom of Bahrain, to offer "myShare", a card that will be available to all Bahrain Bourse's existing investors with a valid Investor Number (NIN) (account at Bahrain Bourse). The card will enable Bahrain Clear to credit cash dividends instantly into the shareholder's card balance.

The agreement was signed by Chairman of Bahrain Bourse and Chairman of Bahrain Clear Mr. Abdulkareem Ahmed Bucheery, and Chief Executive Officer of Bahrain Bourse and Managing Director of Bahrain Clear Shaikh Khalifa Bin Ebrahim Al-Khalifa, Chairperson of Al Salam Bank-Bahrain H.H. Shaikha Hessa bint Khalifa Al Khalifa, and Director and Group Chief Executive Officer of Al Salam Bank-Bahrain Mr. Yousif Abdulla Taqi, in the presence of other senior executive management members.

Chairman of Bahrain Bourse and Chairman of Bahrain Clear, Mr. Abdulkareem Ahmed Bucheery, commented: "We are pleased to offer this unique value-added service to our investors, which aims to facilitate cash dividend distribution and make the payment process more efficient. The newly launched card will significantly reduce the time frame of cash dividend payment processing which would entail direct credit of dividends into the card balance."

"This initiative goes in line with Bahrain Clear's efforts to enhance post-trade services to better meet investors' needs." added Mr. Bucheery.

On this occasion, Chairperson of Al Salam Bank-Bahrain H.H. Shaikha Hessa bint Khalifa Al Khalifa said: "As part of our ongoing commitment to provide unique and innovative banking products, we are delighted to extend our service offering to Bahrain Bourse investors with the new "myShare" card that is specifically designed to simplify the distribution of dividend payments of all Bahrain Bourse listed companies and transferring dividends instantly to "myShare" investor's card."

H.H. Shaikha Hessa Al Khalifa further added: "With the new card, it will change the traditional process of distribution and collection of dividend payments from issuing and collecting cheques in person or through a registered Bahrain Clear agent to a fully automated payment process credited directly to the investor's card."

The "myShare" card will be issued by Al Salam Bank-Bahrain in partnership with Visa, and will be issued to more than 140,000 investors at free of cost.

Investors will benefit from cashless transactions, an easy-to-use, safe, secure and widely accepted to over 35 million outlets and over 2 million ATMs across the globe, wherever the "Visa" sign is displayed. Besides the value-added benefits of "myShare" card, customers will also receive free SMS alerts, monthly electronic statements to manage their financial accounts in addition to a secured online shopping features through "Verified by Visa".

It is worth mentioning that Bahrain Clear is a fully owned subsidiary of Bahrain Bourse with a disclosed capital of 5 million Bahraini Dinars, and a paid up capital of 1 million Bahraini Dinars. Bahrain Clear is licensed by the Central Bank of Bahrain as a 'Clearing House' offering post-trade services to investors. Bahrain Clear's service offering includes related services of transactions depository, clearing, settlement, central registry and registration.

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About Bahrain Bourse

Bahrain Bourse is a self-regulated multi-asset marketplace operator established since 1987. Bahrain Bourse aims to offer to its investors, issuers, and intermediaries a comprehensive suite of exchange-related facilities including offering listing, trading, settlement, and depositary services for various financial instruments. We aim to offer our stakeholders with the best investment and trading solutions, and pair it with creative insights and problem solving skills to provide our investors, issuers, and intermediaries with valuable resources to meet their every expectation. Our key growth pillars underpins our way of conducting business and how we interact with our stakeholders: Origination, Innovation, Collaboration, and Pioneering Spirit, and all of them working together is what enables us to offer you with an "Oasis of Investment Opportunities".

About Al Salam Bank-Bahrain

Al Salam Bank-Bahrain B.S.C (ASBB) is an Islamic bank headquartered at the Bahrain World Trade Center in the Kingdom of Bahrain and is licensed and regulated by the Central Bank of Bahrain. ASBB was established on 19 January 2006 in the Kingdom of Bahrain with paid-up capital of BD 120 million (US$ 318 million) and was the largest Initial Public Offering (IPO) in the Kingdom's history with subscriptions reaching over BD 2.7 billion (US$ 7 billion). The Bank commenced commercial operations on 17 April 2006. ASBB was listed in Bahrain Bourse on 27 April 2006 and subsequently on Dubai Financial Market (DFM) on 26 March 2008.

ASBB, one of the pioneering Shari'a-compliant banks in the Kingdom, offers its customers a comprehensive range of innovative and unique Shari'a-compliant financial products and services through its extended strong network of branches and ATMs utilizing the state-of-art technologies to meet various banking requirements. In addition to its Retail Banking services that includes Danat savings scheme account, Wakala deposits, financing solutions, Visa Credit Cards and Prepaid Cards, Current & Savings account, the Bank also offers Corporate Banking, Private Banking, Investment Banking as well as Treasury Services.

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