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Chief Executive Officer
All Retail Banks
Manama
Kingdom of Bahrain

Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Bahrain Open Banking Framework – Developer Portal

It has been observed by the Central Bank of Bahrain (“CBB”) that companies operating in the CBB’s Regulatory Sandbox as open banking service providers and AISPs/PISPs granted in-principle confirmation to proceed with the CBB’s licensing process face delays and difficulties in accessing the developer portal (testing facility) of retail banks for the purpose of testing open banking solutions.

In view of the above and in order to promote digital transformation in the financial services sector and ensure smooth implementation of the Bahrain Open Banking Framework (Bahrain OBF) in the Kingdom of Bahrain, the CBB is issuing amendments to the General Requirements Module (Module GR) of CBB Rulebook - Volumes 1 and 2 (see attached).

The amendment is effective immediately and shall be available on the CBB website under CBB Rulebook - Volumes 1 and 2 (Ad-hoc Communications) and will also be included as part of the upcoming CBB Rulebook update.

Yours faithfully,

Rasheed M. Al Maraj
Governor

cc: Bahrain Association of Banks