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The CEO/General Manager
All Listed Companies
Self-Regulatory Organisations (SRO)
SRO Members
Legal Firms
Auditing Firms
Manama
Kingdom of Bahrain

Dear Sir,

Subject: New Anti-Money Laundering and Combating of Financial Crime Rules (Module AML)

Following the consultation which concluded on 12th August 2010, the CBB is now issuing its new Anti-Money Laundering and Combating of Financial Crime rules in final form. The new rules take effect immediately.

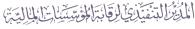
The new rules are outlined in a single document called the Anti-Money Laundering and Combating of Financial Crime Module (Module AML) and forms part of Volume 6 Capital Market Rulebook.

The Module sets out the CBB's regulatory framework governing anti-money laundering and the combating of financial crime in the capital market, as well as the harmonization of these requirements with existing laws, regulations and international protocols.

Capital market service providers should take measures to ensure compliance with the new requirements from the effective date and those capital market service providers that may be non-compliant with the new rules should advise the CBB of their status accordingly.

The new AML rules benefitted from the wide range of industry comments and feedback received during the consultation process, and the CBB looks forward to working with you in implementing these rules.

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Executive Director of Financial Institutions Supervision

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Should you have any queries in respect of any matter referred herein, please do not hesitate to contact the Director of the Capital Markets Supervision (CMS) Directorate, Mr. Ali Salman Thamer (on 17547909, or via email at: ali@cbb.gov.bh).

Yours faithfully

Abdul Rahman Al Baker

Attachments:

- Module AML (Anti-Money Laundering and Combating of Financial Crime).
- Appendix AML- (i) Amiri Decree Law No. 4 (2001).
- Appendix AML- (ii) UN Security Council Resolution 1373 (2001).
- Appendix AML- (iii) UN Security Council Resolution 1267 (1999).
- Appendix AML (iv) Examples of Suspicious Transactions.
- Appendix AML (v) Guidance Notes.
- Appendix AML (i) (a) Decree Law No. 54 (2006).
- Appendix AML (i) (b) Decree Law No. 58 (2006).