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Chief Executive Officer
All Retail Bank Licensees
All Financing Companies
All Ancillary Services Providers
Manama - Kingdom of Bahrain

Dear Sir,

Subject: Changes in the Current Smart ID Cards

The Central Informatics Organization (CIO) has made a few changes to the current Smart ID Cards, which include adding a number of new and advanced technical features and characteristics to the electronic chip of the Card to be compliant with international standards and systems. As a result of such change, the new Smart ID Cards cannot be read through the old card reader machine currently being used by retail banks, financing companies and ancillary services providers.

All CBB licensees referred to above are therefore required to update their card reader machines by downloading the new program through the CIO's website www.smartcard.gov.bh in order to facilitate the card reading process of both old and new Smart ID Cards.

In case of any enquiry, all CBB licensees may contact Mr. Nayef Mohammed Saleh from the Media and Public Relations Section of the CIO on 17878244.

Yours sincerely,

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