



EDFIS/C/049/2020  
7<sup>th</sup> May 2020

**The Chief Executive Officer / General Manager**  
All Insurance firms  
Manama  
Kingdom of Bahrain

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: IFRS 17 “Insurance Contract”**

In light of the International Accounting Standard Board’s decision to postpone the effective implementation date of IFRS 17 “Insurance contract” from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 and reference to the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB)’s Circular EDFIS/C/084/2019 dated 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 regarding the same, the CBB would like to inform all insurance firms that each phase set out in the aforementioned Circular has been extended as follow:

**First Phase: Evaluation:**

All insurance firms are required to submit the report on gap analysis to the CBB no later than 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

**Second Phase: Preparation and Design:**

All insurance firms are required to submit to the CBB the Board approved action plan on how to implement the requirements of IFRS 17 by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021, at the latest.

**Final Phase: Implementation:**

All insurance firms should initiate the implementation of the new standard and prepare their accounts and financial statements with the impact of implementation on a semi-annual basis starting end of December 2021.

Should you have any queries in respect to any matter referred to herein, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Elham Taleb – Director of Insurance Directorate on Tel: 17547302.

Yours sincerely

**Abdul Rahman Al Baker**