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The Chairman/CEO/General Manager,
All Listed Companies,
All Licensees,
Legal Firms,
Auditing Firms,
Manama,
Kingdom of Bahrain.

Dear Sir,

Subject: Market Surveillance, Investigation and Enforcement Rules

Following the consultation which concluded on 15th August 2009, the CBB is now issuing its new Market Surveillance, Investigation and Enforcement rules in final form. The new rules take effect on 1st December 2009.

The new rules are contained in a single document, called the Market Surveillance, Investigation and Enforcement Module (Module MIE). This document forms part of the Capital Market Rulebook Volume 6.

Basically, Module MIE provides a comprehensive framework for the detection, investigation and enforcement of market abuse and market manipulation. The Module applies to any conduct or behaviour occurring within and/or outside Bahrain in respect of securities offered, listed or issued in Bahrain.

As market manipulation, misleading conduct, insider trading and fraudulent or deceptive conduct may distort the price discovery system and distort prices and thereby unfairly disadvantage investors, the CBB seeks to maintain investor confidence through this Module, which clearly lays down the mechanisms and proceedings relating to detection and investigation of breaches of laws, rules and regulations and the appropriate interim and final enforcement actions.

