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27th May 2020

The Chief Executive Officer/General Manager

All Licensees

Manama

Kingdom of Bahrain

Attn: MLROs

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing Risks & Practices during Covid-19

As part of the Central Bank of Bahrain's ("CBB") outreach plan for financial institutions and in light of the current Covid-19 pandemic, the CBB is hereby issuing the attached guidance paper based on the "*Covid -19 related Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Risks and Policy Responses*", a paper published by the Financial Action Task Force ("FATF"). The guidance paper provides a summary of the vulnerabilities, threats, challenges, good practices, and policy responses to emerging ML/TF risks arising from Covid-19.

Considering the elevated risks, all licensees are urged to read the FATF guidance paper in this regard and establish additional measures based on an internal review of the internal processes and systems as appropriate.

Yours faithfully,

Abul Rahman Al Baker