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

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Subject: Beneficial Ownership – Guidance for all Financial Institutions**

As part of its outreach plan for financial institutions, the Central Bank of Bahrain is hereby issuing the attached guidance paper which aims to provide guidance on the role of financial institutions in implementing the requirements of beneficial ownership on legal entities and legal arrangements. Basically, the attached paper outlines the methods of identifying the beneficial ownership of legal entities and legal arrangements and obtaining the relevant information, as well as the verification and record keeping measures. The guidance paper also includes examples to help financial institutions in understanding the requirements with respect to beneficial ownership.

The guidance paper should be read in conjunction with the Financial Crime (“FC”) Module of the CBB Rulebook, international standards and the best practices in this regard.

Yours faithfully,

**Abdul Rahman Al Baker**