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**SUBJECT: S&P REVISED BATELCO'S OUTLOOK FROM POSITIVE TO STABLE IN
LINE WITH SOVEREIGN; 'B+/B' RATINGS AFFIRMED**

Dear Ms. Al Zayani,

S&P has revised its outlook on Batelco from positive to stable in line with their revised outlook on Bahrain dated 27 March 2020, due to the company's strong link with the government. S&P has also affirmed their 'B+/B' long and short-term issuer credit ratings. The stable outlook reflects their views that Batelco will maintain its operating performance despite the increased capital expenditure and high dividends.

Batelco's standalone credit profile remains at 'bb+' supported by its solid operating performance, resilient margins and a strong balance sheet as assessed by S&P.

The S&P report has been attached for your perusal.

Yours sincerely,

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Director of Compliance