

22 October 2019

Sheikh Khalifa bin Ebrahim Al-Khalifa
Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Sheikh Khalifa,


Subject: Disclosure of Material Information: Progress Update in relation to consideration of voluntary offer for shares in Bahrain Islamic Bank B.S.C.

This announcement is made by National Bank of Bahrain B.S.C. ("NBB") pursuant to the requirements of the Takeovers, Mergers & Acquisitions Module under Volume 6 of the Central Bank of Bahrain's Rulebook. Reference is made to our previous disclosures dated 22 July 2019, 22 August 2019 and 22 September 2019 in relation to the resumption of discussions with Bahrain Islamic Bank B.S.C. ("BisB") regarding NBB's consideration to make a voluntary takeover offer for the issued shares of BisB.

Please be informed that, as of the date of this announcement, NBB has concluded the confirmatory financial and legal due diligence exercises and discussions are still on going with Bahrain Islamic Bank B.S.C. ("BisB") in relation to potentially making a voluntary takeover offer for the issued shares of BisB, subject to receipt of all necessary regulatory, board and shareholder approvals.

NBB would like to note that the abovementioned discussions may or may not lead to the making of a voluntary takeover offer for the issued shares of BisB. NBB will provide additional disclosures on this matter, as required, on an ongoing basis to ensure compliance with governing laws and regulations.

Yours sincerely,


Gaby Samir El Hakim
Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary
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