

Kuwait: 9th of July 2019

Mr. Mohammad Saud Al-Osaimi
Acting Chief Executive Officer - Boursa Kuwait Company
State of Kuwait

Dear Sir,

Subject: Commenting on News

As per Chapter No. 4 of the “Disclosure and Transparency” Module of the Capital Markets Authority’s Executive Bylaws and its Law No.7/2010 and amendments issued on 9/11/2015 regarding dealing with rumors and news. Commenting on what is being circulated on social media regarding (National Bank of Kuwait selling its Head Office building next to Boursa Kuwait to Burgan Bank and its second Office building next to Souq Al-Mubarakiya to Boubyan Bank) and what was published by “Aljarida” newspaper stating (Several real estate transactions in the Banking sector related to sale of Head Offices).

We would like to advise that National Bank of Kuwait is in the process of moving to its new Head Office located in Sharq area, therefore the Bank has signed a preliminary sale contract with Burgan Bank to sell NBK premises (Head Office 1) located in Sharq area – Block # 1 and another preliminary sale contract with Boubyan Bank to sell NBK premises (Head Office 2) located in the Central Commercial area - Block # 3 - Kuwait City. The full sales amount of both premises will not be due until the final contracts are signed, the ownership of those premises is transferred and ownership certificates issued by the Ministry of Justice.

Based on the above, and since the signed sales contracts between National Bank of Kuwait and both Burgan and Boubyan Bank are preliminary, there is no current material impact on NBK’s financial position. National Bank of Kuwait will disclose in a timely manner any new or material developments related to the above subject.

Sincerely yours,

 **On behalf of National Bank of Kuwait (S.A.K.P)**


Isam J. Al-Sager

Group Chief Executive Officer