

Kuwait: 30th of March 2020

**Mr. Mohammad Saud Al-Osaimi
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 and further to your request to comment on what is being published in the daily newspapers about “postponing the payments of consumer and installment loans”.

Kindly be advised that in compliance with His Highness the Amir of State of Kuwait urging to take into consideration economic effect caused by the emergency measures taken against spread of Coronavirus, in order to alleviate the financial burdens on citizens, in addition to Kuwait Banking Association’s Board resolution instructing local banks to postpone payments of installments of Consumer and Installment loans for all citizens and other segments of customers for six months without any additional fees or commissions resulting from this postponement.

Accordingly, National Bank of Kuwait resolved to postpone payments of installments of Consumer and Installment loans, installments of Credit Cards and installments of loans and facilities of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) for all customers, citizens and residents, for six months, while cancelling all the interests and profits resulting from this postponement and any other fees, this comes in line with the directives of His Highness the Amir of State of Kuwait and Kuwait Banking Association’s Board resolution.

Noting that accounting treatments that will be applied in this regard and the implications thereof on the financial statements as per the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) are still in process and not finalized till date. In the meantime there is a continuous arrangement and coordination between Banks and External Auditors in this regard. 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