

Kuwait, 30 March 2020

Boursa Kuwait
State of Kuwait

Subject: Comment on the News

Dear Sirs,


This is made in accordance with Chapter Four of the Disclosure & Transparency Module of the Executive Bylaw to Law No. 7/2010, as amended, issued by the Capital Markets Authority on 9/11/2015 for dealing with rumors and news, and in response to your request to comment on the news circulated in the daily newspapers on the "postponement of payments for consumer and installment loans".

We would like to advise you that, based on the directives of His Highness the Amir of Kuwait, to take into consideration the economic impact of the actions implemented to fight COVID-19, aimed to reduce the financial burdens on customers, and based on the subsequent resolution by the Board of Directors of Kuwait Banking Association stating that the local banks shall postpone the payments of consumer and installment loans granted to customers, and other types of payments, for a period of six months without any commissions or additional fees for such postponement.

Gulf Bank has decided to postpone the payments of consumer and installment loans as well as payments due on credit cards and on SME loans and facilities for all its national and resident customers for a period of 6 months, waiving also the interest, profits and any other fees resulting from such postponement, in response to the directives of the His Highness the Amir of Kuwait and KBA's Board Resolution.

The accountancy treatment which will be implemented in this regard and the consequent impact on the financial statements in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards haven't been finalized yet. Moreover, coordination is ongoing between local banks and the auditors in this regard. Therefore, our bank will be disclosing any new or material related developments in due time.

Best regards


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