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Chief Executive Officer
All Retail Banks
Manama
Kingdom of Bahrain

Dear Sir,

Paid-up Capital Bank Certificates for the Establishment of Commercial Companies

It has come to the attention of the CBB that certain retail banks do not take into consideration the recent amendments of the Commercial Companies Law ("CCL") relating to the minimum paid up capital for limited liability companies and single person companies*. Some banks appear to be refusing to issue paid-up capital bank certificates for investors who are in the process of establishing such companies where the paid-up capital is less than BD20,000 for limited liability companies and BD50,000 for single person companies. This treatment contravenes the new amendments of the CCL.

The CBB would like to remind all retail banks that compliance with all applicable laws, including the recent amendment to the CCL, is required.

Yours sincerely,


Khalid Hamad

*Articles (264) and (293) of Law No. (50) of 2014 Amending Some of the Provisions of the Commercial Companies Law No. (21) of 2001