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5<sup>th</sup> June 2017

**Sh. Khalifa Bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa**

Chief Executive Officer

Bahrain Bourse

P.O Box 3203

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Dear Sh. Khalifa,

**Subject: Clarification on Media News Regarding withdrawal from discussions about Shuaa Capital**

Reference is made to the published news in media wires on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017 regarding GFH's withdrawal from discussions about the potential acquisition of Shuaa Capital.

GFH confirms to its shareholders and the markets that the withdrawal was result due to both parties not reaching agreed acquisition terms and not receiving initial regulatory approval yet. Therefore, both parties have agreed to postpone the discussions regarding the acquisition for the time being.

However we would like to affirm that GFH's strategy to acquire financial institutions is still on track and we will continue to seek strategic opportunities in future that satisfies shareholders expectations and secure diversified business lines and growth prospects for the group.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nabeel Mirza".

**Nabeel Mirza**

Senior Director Compliance & MLRO