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**Public Announcement relating to Bahrain Middle East Bank B.S.C.**

**22 March 2017**

**Receipt of firm intention to make an offer from AN Investment W.L.L.**

Bahrain Middle East Bank B.S.C. ("BMB" or "the Bank") would like to inform the shareholders of the Company that the Company has received from AN Investment W.L.L. ("ANI") a letter dated 22 March 2017, which states that ANI confirm its firm intention to make a voluntary unconditional offer to acquire up to 33.1% of the issued and paid up capital of the BMB (other than those shares already owned by ANI and the parties acting in concert with it) (in accordance with the Central Bank of Bahrain's Rulebook Volume 6 – Takeovers, Mergers and Acquisitions Module (the "TMA")) through cash in exchange for shares (the "ANI Offer").

The Board of Directors of the Bank confirm that it has, in accordance with the TMA, appointed Grant Thornton Abdulaal as an independent professional advisor to advise on the ANI Offer.

As a result of the ANI Offer, the Bank would like to inform the shareholders of BMB that the shares of the Company, which are listed on Bahrain Bourse, will be suspended from trading until further notice.

The Board of Directors, together with their professional advisors, are considering the ANI Offer and they expect to make further announcements on the progress of the ANI Offer in accordance with the requirements of the TMA.

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Duly authorised signatory

for and on behalf of

**Bahrain Middle East Bank B.S.C.**

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