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M/s. Bursa Kuwait Company

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May Allah's Peace and blessing be upon you...

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته...

Subject:

Warba Bank Disclosure on Credit Rating

الموضوع:

إفصاح من بنك وربة بشأن التصنيف الائتماني

We refer to the abovementioned subject and as per the requirements of Chapter Four (Disclosure of Material Information) of the Tenth Rule Book (Disclosure & Transparency) of the Executive Regulations of the Capital Markets Authority Law No. 7/2010 as amended.

Please be informed that Fitch Ratings Agency has issued Credit rating report wherein it assigned its rating for Warba Bank, in-line with the following:

1. Affirm Long-Term (IDR) to A
2. Affirm Short-Term (IDR) at F1
3. Affirm Viability Rating (VR) at bb-
4. Affirm Government Support Rating (GSR) at 'a'
5. Outlook; Stable

Attached herewith the Disclosure of Credit Rating Form.

Best regards...

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Disclosure of Credit Rating Form

Date	26/03/2023
Listed company	Warba Bank K.S.C.P
Rating Agency	Fitch Ratings
Ratings for Warba Bank's	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Affirm Long-Term IDR: at 'A' with a stable outlook 2. Affirm Short-Term IDR: at 'F1' 3. Affirm Viability Rating (VR): at 'bb-' Rating 4. Affirm Government Support Rating (GSR): at 'a'
Rating Denotations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Long-term IDRs at (A): 'A' High credit quality rating denotes expectations of low default risk. The capacity for payment of financial commitments is considered strong. This capacity may, nevertheless, be more vulnerable to adverse business or economic conditions than is the case for higher ratings. 2. Short-term IDRs at (F1): The Highest short-term credit quality indicates the strongest intrinsic capacity for timely payment of financial commitments. 3. Viability Rating at (bb-): 'bb' ratings denote moderate prospects for ongoing viability. A moderate degree of fundamental financial strength exists, which would have to be eroded before the bank would have to rely on extraordinary support to avoid default. However, the bank has higher vulnerability to adverse changes in business or economic conditions over time. The modifiers '+' or '-' may be appended. 4. Government Support Rating (GSR) at (a): very high probability of external support being forthcoming. The potential provider of support is very highly rated, and has at least a high propensity to support the financial institution in question.
Reflection of the Ratings on the Company's profile	No major impact on the bank since Fitch affirmed the Bank's Long-Term IDR at 'A' as well as VR at 'bb-'
Outlook	Stable
Translation of the Press Release or Executive Summary	<p>Executive Summary</p> <p>Fitch Ratings has affirmed Warba Bank K.S.C.P.'s (WB) Long-Term Issuer Default Rating (IDR) at 'A' with a Stable Outlook. Fitch has also affirmed the bank's Viability Rating (VR) at 'bb-'</p> <p>WB's IDRs reflect potential support from the Kuwaiti authorities, as reflected in its Government Support Rating (GSR) of 'a'. The Stable Outlook on WB's Long-Term IDR reflects that on the Kuwaiti sovereign rating.</p>

The 'F1' Short-Term IDR is the lower of two options mapping to an 'A' Long-Term IDR because a significant part of WB's funding is related to the government and a stress scenario for WB is likely come at a time when the sovereign itself is experiencing some form of stress.

WB's VR reflects its moderate franchise, a risk appetite that is higher than peers', tight capitalisation and weak but improving profitability. The VR also factors in sound asset quality despite vulnerabilities, and tight, but stable, funding.