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**To: The General Manager  
Boursa Kuwait**

السيد / المدير العام  
شركة بورصة الكويت  
المحترم

Dear Sir,

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته  
ويعد ،،،

Reference is made to the provisions of Chapter 4 of the Tenth Module of the Executive Bylaws of the Capital Markets Authority's Law, pertinent to "Disclosure of Material Information" and the mechanism of disclosure of the same. We would like to inform you that Standard & Poor's Global Ratings Agency has recently assessed & for the first time the bank's position and issued a report wherein it assigned its ratings for the bank's most important elements as per Appendix # 9 pertinent to the Credit Rating Disclosure Form.

بالإشارة الى احكام الفصل الرابع من الكتاب العاشر  
للائحة التنفيذية لقانون هيئة أسواق المال بشأن الإفصاح  
عن المعلومات الجوهرية وآلية الإعلان عنها، نود الإفادة  
بأن وكالة ستاندرد أند بورز للتصنيف الائتماني قد قامت  
مؤخرا بتقييم أوضاع مصرفنا و لأول مرة وأصدرت  
تقريراً تم بموجبه تصنيف لأهم عناصر تصنيفات البنك  
وذلك وفقاً للملحق رقم (9) الخاص بنموذج الإفصاح عن  
التصنيف الائتماني.

Best regards,

وتفضلوا بقبول فائق الاحترام ،،،

**Adel Abdul Wahab Al-Majed**  
Vice-Chairman  
& Chief Executive Officer



عادل عبد الوهاب الماجد  
نائب رئيس مجلس الإدارة والرئيس التنفيذي

## Credit Rating Disclosure Form

Appendix # 9

<b>Date</b>	14 November 2019
<b>Name of Listed Company</b>	Boubyan Bank K.S.C.P.
<b>Rating Agency</b>	Standard & Poor's
<b>Rating Category</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Long-term issuer credit ratings: 'A/Stable'</li> <li>▪ Anchor and SACP: 'bbb'</li> <li>▪ Business Position: 'Adequate 0'</li> <li>▪ Capital and Earnings: 'Strong +1'</li> <li>▪ Risk Position: 'Moderate -1'</li> <li>▪ Funding and Liquidity: 'Average and Adequate 0'</li> <li>▪ Support: '+3'</li> <li>▪ Sovereign Support: '+3'</li> </ul>
<b>Rating's Implications</b>	<p><b><u>Long Term Issuer Credit Rating: "A"</u></b></p> <p>An obligor rated 'A' has strong capacity to meet its financial commitments but is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligors in higher-rated categories.</p> <p><b><u>Outlook "Stable"</u></b> Stable means that a rating is not likely to change over the intermediate term.</p>
<b>Rating's Impact on the Company's Positions</b>	This rating reinforces confidence in the bank, its sound financial position.
<b>Outlook</b>	Stable

**Press Release /  
Executive Summary**

**Executive Summary:**

In November 2019, S&P Global assigned for the first time an 'A' long-term issuer credit ratings to Boubyan Bank K.S.C.P with a stable outlook.

S&P's rationale for the rating noted Boubyan Banks' as the fifth largest bank in Kuwait, with a solid retail franchise, good market position, strong capitalization as well as exhibiting good profitability.

As mentioned by the above said agency further noted that like other Kuwaiti banks, Boubyan is exposed to significant sector and single name concentration on both sides of its balance sheet. Boubyan has sound asset quality indicators and a conservative provisioning policy. Boubyan's funding on par with the domestic system.

S&P consider Boubyan to be a highly systemically important bank in Kuwait and a strategically important subsidiary for NBK

The stable outlook reflects S&P's expectation for the bank's business and financial profile to remain broadly unchanged the next 24 months., and that the bank's RAC ratio will remain above 10% and will maintain its good retail entrenchment.