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Sh. Khalifa Bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa
Chief Executive Officer
Bahrain Bourse
P.O Box 3203
Manama - Kingdom of Bahrain

Dear Sh. Khalifa,

Subject: GFH Appoints Nicholas Polley as General Counsel

GFH would like to inform its shareholders and the markets, that it has appointed Mr. Nicholas Polley as its General Counsel. In this capacity, Mr. Polley will be responsible for a wide range of corporate, commercial, investment and financing matters, in addition to working with external, local and international counsel.

Mr. Polley brings to his role in GFH over 20 years extensive experience in the legal field including multi jurisdictional expertise from working with reputed international organizations. Mr. Polley holds a Bachelor Degree with Honours in Development Economics, International Politics and Law from the University of Bristol – United Kingdom. Additionally he has various Postgraduate qualifications.

Prior to joining GFH, Mr. Polley served as the Chief Legal Officer of the SEDCO Group and prior to that he was a Partner and the Head of the MENA International Banking & Finance Practice with the international law firm, Charles Russel Speechlys LLP. As a senior executive, Mr. Polley has particularly relevant expertise in Private Equity and in the structuring of successful investment platforms internationally. Mr. Polley has at different times been recognized as a leading lawyer by Legal 500, IFLR 1000 and Chambers, and the Islamic Finance News Awards, in addition to being selected as one of the top 100 influential legal counsel in the Middle East by Legal 500.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nabeel Mirza', enclosed within a blue rectangular box.

Nabeel Mirza
Senior Director Compliance & MLRO