

CMP/MAR/2020/0029 21st March 2020

Mr. Hassan Al Serkal

EVP, COO – Head of Operations Division, Market Operations Division Dubai Financial Market P.O Box 9700 Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Dear Mr. Al Serkal,

Subject: Announcement to the Shareholders of GFH Financial Group

Given the current circumstances, and in the interest of GFH Financial Group B.S.C. (the "Group") towards public safety, it has been decided to hold the Annual General Assembly Meeting ("AGM") scheduled for 23rd March 2020 at 11:00 am Bahrain time through electronic communication means. In addition, the AGM agenda has been amended by deleting item 12 related to election of 10 board members for the next three years from 2020 to 2022, due to the inability to hold a secret ballot electronically, and postponing the elections for six months. Accordingly, we request the Group's shareholders to follow the below instructions in order to ensure their participation in the meeting swiftly:

- 1- Send an email request which must include a clear passport of identification card copy of the shareholder or the person representing them with the proxy to the email agm@gfh.com, in order to validate the identity and validity of the attendee at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled time of the AGM. Please also include the contact number and email of the person attending the online session.
- 2- After receiving the required documents and information, a link will be sent to the attendee for the online server (ZOOM) prior to the convention of the meeting to allow the attendee to take the necessary steps to join the session. The device used to participate in the online session must be compatible with video and telecom services.

We advise the shareholders to abide with the aforementioned instructions to ensure a swift and smooth convention of the meeting in line with the Laws and Regulations. It is also to be noted that the Central Bank of Bahrain has approved the extension of the current Board's term for six months.

Attached for your reference is the revised AGM agenda.

Yours Sincerely,

Mariam Jowhary

Head of Compliance & AML

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If the required legal quorum is not available, the second meeting will be held on Monday, 30th March 2020, or a third meeting, if required, will be held on Monday 6th April 2020 at the same time and through the aforementioned mean. Below is the revised AGM agenda:

- 1. To approve the minutes of the previous Ordinary General Meeting held on 29th December 2019.
- **2.** To discussing and approve the Board of Directors report on GFH's business activities for the financial year ended 31st December 2019.
- 3. To listen to the Sharia Supervisory Board's report on GFH's business activities for the financial year ended 31st December 2019.
- **4.** To listen to the external auditors' report for the financial year ended 31st December 2019.
- **5.** To discuss and approve the consolidated financial statements for the financial year ended 31st December 2019.
- **6.** To approve the Board of Directors' recommendation to allocate the net profit for the year 2019 as follows:
 - **a.** Transfer an amount of US\$ 8,011,000 to the statutory reserve;
 - b. Allocate an amount of US\$ 500,000 for charity activities and civil society organizations, in addition to an amount of US\$ 568,000 for Zakat Fund.
 - **c.** Cash dividends on all ordinary shares, excluding treasury shares, at a rate of 5.57% of share nominal value, equivalent to USD 0.0148 cents per share amounting to approximately US\$ 50,000,000.

Event	Date
Cum-Dividend Date (Last day of trading with entitlement to dividends)	26th March 2020
Ex-Dividend Date (First day of trading without entitlement to dividends)	29th March 2020
Record Date for Bahrain Bourse and Dubai Financial Market listed shares (The Day on which all shareholders whose names are on the share register will be entitled to dividends)	30th March 2020
Record Date for Boursa Kuwait listed shares (The Day on which all shareholders whose names are on the share register will be entitled to dividends)	31st March 2020
Payment Date (The Day on which the dividends will be paid to the entitled shareholders)	13th April 2020

- **d.** To transfer an amount of USD 21,029,200 as retained earnings for the next year.
- 7. To approve the Board of Directors' recommendation to allocate US\$ 2.2 million as remuneration for members of the Board of Directors.
- **8.** To discuss and approve the corporate governance report for the financial year ended 31st December 2019, and GFH's compliance with the governance requirements issued by the Ministry of Industry. Commerce and Tourism and the Central Bank of Bahrain.
- **9.** To authorize the Board of Directors to take all the resolutions, approvals and authorization of all transactions concluded during the ended financial year with any related parties or major shareholders of GFH, as indicated in note 26 of the financial statements and as outlined in the Board of Directors' report presented to the annual general meeting and the notes of the financial statements pursuant to the provisions of Article (189) of Bahrain's Commercial Companies Law.
- **10.** To release the members of the Board of Directors from liability in respect of their acts for the financial year ended 31st December 2019.
- 11. To approve the appointment / reappointment of the external auditors of GFH for the year 2020, and authorize the Board of Directors to determine their fees, subject to obtaining the approval of the Central Bank of Bahrain.
- 12. To discuss any other matters in accordance with Article 207 of the Commercial Companies Law.

Important Notice to Shareholders:

- The financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2019 and Proxy Forms are available on GFH's website www.gfh.com, or Bahrain Bourse's website www.bahrainbourse.com, or they can alternatively be requested directly from the Group or the Share Registrar.
- If the shareholder is a company, the representative who will attend the meeting shall present the authorization letter issued by the authorized
 person in the company and sealed by the company's seal. The authorization letter shall be submitted prior to the deadline for depositing proxies.
- Proxy Forms shall be deposited at least 24 hours prior to the fixed time of the meeting, as indicated below, ensuring that they will be received
 on time. Proxy Forms received after the fixed time will be considered invalid for the purpose of the meeting.
 - Delivery by hand at the Bank's premises, by fax at +973 17911380, or e-mail at iservices@gfh.com.
 - For shareholders in Kuwait: Kuwait Clearing Company, P.O. Box 22077, Kuwait. Fax No. +965 2469457.
 - For shareholders in other countries: Karvy Computershare W.L.L., P.O. Box 514, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain. Fax No. +973 17212055.

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