

QFC Regulatory Authority appoints Eisa Abdulla as Chief Administrative Officer

Doha, Qatar, 16 June 2014: The QFC Regulatory Authority announced today that it has appointed Eisa Ahmed Abdulla to the newly created role of Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). Mr Abdulla will initially be responsible for a suite of operational departments within the Corporate Services Division including Facilities Management, Corporate Communications, and the Regulatory Authority's nationalisation programme.

Michael Ryan, Chief Executive Officer of the QFC Regulatory Authority, welcomed Mr Abdulla's appointment:

"We are very pleased to welcome Eisa to our senior leadership team. Eisa's commercial background and deep experience in building human capital through nationalisation will assist us to advance the human capital objectives outlined in the joint Strategic Plan for Financial Sector Regulation and the Qatar National Vision 2030."

Mr Abdulla joins the Regulatory Authority from a major telecommunications provider in Qatar where he was the Head of Qatarisation and the Technology Business Partner.

A graduate of the University of Bradford School of Engineering, Design and Technology (UK), Mr Abdulla holds a Bachelor of Science in Electrical, Telecommunication and Internet Engineering. This qualification is underpinned by professional memberships including Fellow of the Chartered Management Institute and a Diploma in Human Resources Practice from the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD).

Mr Abdulla serves as a Fellow of the Gulf Talent Advisory Board of Oxford Strategic Consulting, providing advice on strategic nationalisation matters.

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About the QFC Regulatory Authority

The QFC Regulatory Authority is an independent regulatory body established by Article 8 of the QFC Law. It regulates firms that conduct financial services in or from the QFC. It has a broad range of regulatory powers to authorise, supervise and, when necessary, discipline firms and individuals. The QFC Regulatory Authority regulates firms using principle-based legislation of international standard, modelled closely on that used in London and other major financial centres. Further details are available on the website www.gfcra.com



About the Qatar Financial Centre

The Qatar Financial Centre (QFC) is a financial and business centre established by the Government of Qatar and located in Doha. It has been designed to attract international financial services institutions and major multi-national corporations and to encourage participation in the growing market for financial services in Qatar and elsewhere in the region. The QFC operates to international standards and provides a first class legal and business infrastructure for those doing business within the QFC. The QFC was created by QFC Law No.(7) of Qatar and has been open for business since 1 May 2005. The QFC Authority is the commercial, administrative and legislative body responsible for driving the commercial strategy of the QFC. More information on the QFC Authority is available at www.qfc.com.qa