



**TRANSLATION**

Date: 23/10/2016  
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**TO: Mr. Khaled Abdulrazaq Al-Khaled**  
Vice Chairman and CEO  
Boursa Kuwait Securities Company

Greetings,

According to item No. (18) Of the Article No. (4-1-1) of Chapter four (Disclosure of Material Information) of Rulebook ten (Disclosure and Transparency) of CMA Executive By-laws, kindly find attached the Annex No. (9) Disclosure of Credit Rating Form covering the updated credit rating report issued by Capital Intelligence on 20/10/2016.

Please note that Capital Intelligence has **raised** the Long-term Foreign Currency Rating of Commercial Bank of Kuwait to (A+), All other ratings **affirmed**.

Best Regards,

**Yaqoub Habib Al-Ebrahim**  
Official Spokesman of CBK  
GM, Compliance & CG

Copy to:  
CMA / Manager, Disclosure Department

*NOTE: This is a translation of the original for and binding Arabic text. In case of any difference between the Arabic and the English text, the Arabic text will be prevailing.*

**Annex (9)**

**Disclosure of Credit Rating Form**

Date	23/10/2016
Name of Listed Company	Commercial Bank of Kuwait (K.P.S.C)
Entity who issues the rating	Capital Intelligence
Rating category	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Foreign Currency Long Term: A+</li> <li>- Foreign Currency Short Term: A2</li> <li>- Financial Strength: A-</li> <li>- Support: 1</li> </ul>
Rating implications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Foreign Currency Long Term: A+</b> High credit quality. Strong capacity for timely fulfillment of financial obligations. Possesses many favorable credit characteristics but may be slightly vulnerable to adverse changes in business, economic and financial conditions.</li> <li>- <b>Foreign Currency Short Term: A2</b> Very strong capacity for timely repayment but may be affected slightly by unexpected adversities.</li> <li>- <b>Financial Strength: A-</b> Strong financial fundamentals and very favorable non-financial considerations. Operating environment may be unstable but institution's market position and/or financial strength more than compensate.</li> <li>- <b>Support: 1</b> The likelihood of a bank receiving support in the event of difficulties is extremely high. The characteristics of a bank with this support rating may include strong government ownership and/or clear legal guarantees on the part of the state. The bank may also be of such importance to the national economy that state intervention is virtually assured. The ability and willingness of potential supporters to provide sufficient and timely support is extremely strong.</li> </ul>
Rating effect on the status of the company	A positive effect on the bank reputation and the strength of its financial position.
Outlook	All ratings carry a stable outlook.
Translation of the press release or executive summary	<p>According to Capital Intelligence report that issued on 20/10/2016, Capital Intelligence has Raised the Long-term Foreign Currency Rating of Commercial Bank of Kuwait to A+. All Other Ratings Affirmed.</p> <p>Capital Intelligence announced that it has raised the Long-Term Foreign Currency Rating (FCR) of Commercial Bank of Kuwait (ComBK) to 'A+',</p>

reflecting the strong support rating, as well as the ongoing improvement in financial metrics and above average ROAA. All other ratings are affirmed. The Outlook on all ratings is 'Stable'.

CI Ratings expects CBK to maintain strong asset quality, good LLR coverage, strong capital adequacy and good liquidity. However, while profitability is likely to remain good at the operating level, the Bank is likely to continue to replenish its various loss reserve accounts (loan, investment and legal) and the cost of credit is, therefore, expected to continue to be high.