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TAIB Announces Net Income of US\$ 9.4 Million

Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain - TAIB Bank B.S.C. (c) announced today a net income of US\$ 9.4 million for the first six months of 2005 – an increase of 22% compared to the same period last year. Additionally, Total Operating Income (TOI) for the Bank increased by approximately 13% to US\$ 17.8 million.

“We have increased the profitability of the Bank while creating an even stronger balance sheet, thus achieving a key 2005 objective. “ Mr. Iqbal G. Mamdani, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer said.

At the end of June 2005, TAIB Bank’s total assets stood at US\$ 378 million, as compared to US\$ 388 million as at the end of 2004, while shareholders equity stood at US\$ 146 million.

The sale of other investments contributed to more than 50% of the TOI for the first six months of 2005, which was mainly comprised of exits from three real estate investments in the U.K., totaling an aggregate value of around US\$ 257 million.

TAIB’s asset management business reported an impressive performance during the first half of 2005, where total assets under management in funds and portfolios increased by 22%. TAIB’s geography-focused funds – Everest Fund (India), The Golden Horn Fund (Turkey) and the GCC Blue Chip Fund – delivered returns of 58.5%, 35.6% and 55.4% respectively for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2005. Additionally, the GCC Islamic Index Fund generated 12-month returns of 84.8%.

For the same six-month period, TAIB Securities W.L.L (TSWLL), our brokerage subsidiary, registered a sharp growth in trading volume to US\$ 301 million and a net profit of US\$ 1.2 million. TSWLL also added Jordan and Morocco to its list of trading markets.



TAIB Bank B.S.C (c) is an international private bank focused on providing unique wealth management solutions to investors. Based in Bahrain and listed on the Bahrain Stock Exchange, TAIB conducts its activities in the regional markets of the GCC, Europe, United Kingdom, United States of America, India, Turkey and Kazakhstan.

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