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Professional Background

Mr. Mukharesh started his career as a student-trainee in 1977 at Bechtel Corporation in San Francisco. In 1980 he had 4 (four) highly successful years as an engineer at the Arabian American Oil Company (Aramco). Since 1984 he has worked at major financial institutions such as Citicorp, SAMBA, Gulf Investment Corporation (Kuwait) and State Street Global Advisors (founded and headed State Street Bank's Middle East (M.E.) & Islamic countries regional office and raised several hundred million US\$ of assets under management and maintained several billions of custody assets). In 2000 he began advising Deutsche Bank (Suisse) and later became Managing Director, Private Wealth Management. In 2004 he was founder, Chairman & GM of Clariden Middle East (Clariden-Leu is a Swiss private bank - a subsidiary of Credit Suisse Group).

Mr. Mukharesh has, for years, successfully advised major US and international corporations, e.g. Raytheon Corp., KeyBank, Aurado Energy (Canada & Kazakhstan) as board member, and others on business strategy and expansion in the M.E. and Arab and Islamic countries' region. Concluded a deal to set up a Saudi JV with a major US investment bank. He currently sits on the Boards of Directors of Helios Petroleum (Russia & Switzerland), Lemley International (leading US construction & engineering management co.), and others.

Mr. Mukharesh is a founder of MOKA (s.a.l.). MOKA and its affiliates have offices in Beirut, Riyadh, Dubai, Zurich, Barcelona and Washington D.C.

MOKA privately manages substantial assets of UHNW from the Arab world and elsewhere. MOKA also establishes specialized international JV's in Saudi Arabia, the GCC and the Arab world in banking & finance, manufacturing, real estate development, hotel and resort development, oil & gas, power sector, high-tech, and biotech/life sciences sectors. He also arranges for Arab clients very selective international investments and JVs.

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Personal background & Education

Kamel, a Saudi Arabian citizen completed his elementary and secondary education in Syria and Lebanon at the “College des Freres Maristes - Champville” earning the “Math-Elem” and ranked among the top in the country. He earned his BS in Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and MS in Engineering from Stanford University. Attended a number of top-rated engineering, corporate banking, investment banking, asset-based finance, aircraft finance, asset management, insurance, Islamic banking and executive management courses and seminars and is due to get his Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) degree in 2011 from the International School of Management (NY & Paris).

Kamel lived and worked in Saudi Arabia (East, West and Central Regions), Bahrain, Kuwait, UAE, Lebanon, Syria as well as several European and US cities, creating a unique personal, cultural and professional background. He has strong and unique personal and business contacts in these countries.

Kamel is fluent in Arabic, French, and English, with a working knowledge of Danish, Spanish, Italian and German.