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Dear Mr. Al Serkal,

## Subject: Disclosure of the Ownership of Major Shareholder

GFH Financial Group ("GFH") would like to inform its shareholders and the markets that Mr. Mohammad Bin Ahmad Bin Saeed Alqassimi has acquired more than 5% out of GFH's overall outstanding shares, as detailed below:

Major shareholder of GFH Financial Group B.S.C.						
Name	Nationality	Legal Status	Ownership Date	No. of shares held as of 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	% of GFH's shares held	Total Outstanding Shares of GFH
Mr. Mohammad Bin Ahmad Bin Saeed Alqassimi	Emirates	Individual	February 2016	119,092,663	5.28%	2,256,583,403

As of 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016, Mr. Alqassimi's shareholding in GFH was 79,255,056 shares. The last acquisition (12,012,031 shares) of 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016 led to his shareholding's threshold to exceed 5%. All the shares were acquired in the Dubai Financial Market.

This announcement is being made in accordance with the requirements of the capital markets.

Yours Sincerely,

Nabeel Mirza

Compliance Director & MLRO