

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON ECONOMIC AND
TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

The Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ("the Participants");

Desiring to strengthen their historic and friendly ties; and

Wishing to develop a strategic economic relationship, through trade, technical and professional co-operation between the two countries on the basis of mutual advantage and reciprocal benefits;

Have reached the following understandings:

1. The Participants will co-operate on economic, trade, technical and professional issues, including, but not limited to, the areas set out in the Schedule annexed hereto.
2. The Participants will give effect to this co-operation by:
 - (a) exchanging information;
 - (b) facilitating visits between their representatives, and developing business-led vehicles to enhance bilateral trade and investment.
 - (c) advising and assisting with exhibitions and trade fairs;
 - (d) facilitating the exchange of experts or advisers;
 - (e) advising and assisting on the provision of consultancy services; and
 - (f) carrying out such other promotional activities as they may decide upon, in order to expand trade and economic links between them.

3. In order to implement the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding, the Participants will establish a Steering Committee of Technical Experts (the "Steering Committee") to meet:
 - (a) to review economic and trade relations between the Participants, particularly with regard to co-operation in the areas provided for in this Memorandum of Understanding;
 - (b) to facilitate the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding, including through the submission and evaluation of proposals for the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding;
 - (c) to maintain close contact with private sector organisations in both countries and invite business representatives to contribute towards the agenda, and where appropriate, participate in its meetings.
 - (d) to identify other fields of mutual interest where cooperation may be promoted.
4. Meetings of the Steering Committee will take place annually and alternately in Manama and London.
5. This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by the mutual consent of the Participants, undertaken through exchange of diplomatic notes.
6. This Memorandum of Understanding will take effect on signature, and will remain in effect until either Participant gives the other six months' written notice of its intention to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding.
7. Nothing in the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding shall require the Kingdom of Bahrain or the United Kingdom to take any action, which would be contrary to or inconsistent with their respective obligations as a members of either the Co-operation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC) or the European Union and with the Common Trade Policies of the GCC and the European Union.

8. This Memorandum of Understanding will continue to have effect for activities developed under this Memorandum of Understanding that have not been completed before the expiry of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Signed in duplicate at London on the 6th day of September 2006 in the English language.



**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN**



**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT
BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

The Schedule

Areas of Economic, Trade, Technical and Professional Co-operation

1. Investment;
2. Banking and other Financial Services;
3. Telecommunications;
4. Information Technology;
5. Medical Services;
6. Education;
7. Professional Services;
8. Manufacturing;
9. Establishing and nurturing SME's;
10. Public and Government Services; and
11. Such other areas of economic, trade, technical and professional co-operation as shall be determined to by the Participants in accordance with Paragraph 2 hereof.