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## Algeria Economic Forum

Hotel Sheraton Club Des Pins, Algeria

20-21 January, 2008

### DAY ONE: SUNDAY, 20 JANUARY 2008

08:00-09:00 **Registration of participants at the Sheraton Club Des Pins Hotel**

09:30-10:45 **Opening Session:**

- **Chairman of the Forum: H.E. Mr. Hamid Tammar**, Minister of Participation & Coordination of Reforms, Algeria
- **H.E. President Abdelaziz Bouteflika**
- **Mr. Raouf Abou Zaki**, General Manager, Al-Iktissad Wal-Aamal Group
- **Mr. Ibrahim Bin Jaber**, Chairman, Algerian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- **H.E. Mr. Adnan Kassar**, President, General Union of Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture for Arab Countries

10:45-11:00 **Award Ceremony**

11:00-11:30 **Inauguration of the Conference Exhibition and Break**

11:30-12:30 **Session I: Development and Structural Change in the Algerian Economy**

- **Moderator and Keynote Speech: Dr. Jassim Al Mannai**, Chairman & General Manager, Arab Monetary Fund, UAE
- **Basic indicators of the Algerian economy.**
- **The reform program in all its aspects and next steps.**
- **Economic liberalization and the transition to a market economy.**
- **The privatization program: Progress so far and obstacles if any.**
- **Outlook for the Algerian economy.**

**Panelists:**

- **Mr. Hamoud Bin Hamdin**, General Manager of Investment, Ministry of Participation & Coordination of Reforms, Algeria  
“Indicators of, and changes in the fundamentals of the Algerian economy”
- **Mr. Marwan Elaraby**, Board Member, Citadel Capital, Egypt

**Open Discussion**

12:30-13:30 **Session II: The Oil, Gas and Energy Sectors and the Petrochemical Industry**

**Keynote Speech: Mr. Abdel Majeed Mazian**, Chairman and General Manager, SONATRACH, Algeria

- **Opening of the sector to local and Arab private investment.**
- **The considerable opportunities in the petrochemical industry.**
- **Power, gas and refining projects.**
- **The results of the raise in prices of oil and gas on the Algerian economy**

**Panelists:**

- **Mr. Abdel Majeed Hani**

- **Mr. Aman Allah Sari**
  - **H.E. Dr. Yousef Al Zalalah**, Chairman, KGL Petroleum Company, Kuwait
- Open Discussion**

13:30-15:00 **Lunch**

15:00–15:45 **Session III: Public Works and Transport Sectors**

**Keynote Speech: H.E. Dr. Ammar Ghoul**, Minister of Public Works, Algeria

- **Projects to develop land, sea and air transport facilities.**
  - **Investment and contracting opportunities in the implementation of transport projects.**
- Open Discussion**

**Speakers:**

- **Mr. Hussein Nassib**, Director of Transport, Ministry of Public Works, Algeria  
“**Development and Investment Opportunities in Public Works Sector**”
- **Mrs. Saliha Ramadan**, Ministry of Transport, Algeria
- **Port**

15:45-16:30 **Session IV: The Tourism Sector in Algeria**

**Keynote Speech: H.E. Mr. Cherif Rahmani**, Minister of Physical Planning and Environment and Tourism, Algeria

- **Business tourism and the shortage of luxury hotels.**
- **Investment opportunities in the tourism sector: Hotels, restaurants, entertainment facilities and training programs.**
- **The Arab experience of investment in tourism projects in Algeria.**

**Panelists:**

- **Dr. Othman Aidi**, President, Inter Arab Union for Hotels & Tourism, Lebanon
- **Mr. Abdul Qader Ghouti**, Communication and Cooperative Director, Ministry of Physical Planning and Environment and Tourism, Algeria
- **Mr. Fouad Al Hajj**, Technical Director, The National Agency for Tourism Development, Algeria
- **Dr. Mahmoud Zaid**, Chairman and General Manager, Sedar, Algeria

16:30-17:00 **Coffee Break**

17:00-17:45 **Session V: Investment in Real Estate Development Projects**

**Keynote Speech: H.E. Mr. Noureddine Moussa**, Minister of Housing and Urbanism, Algeria

- **The big shortage in residential and other real estate projects.**
- **Investment opportunities in real estate development: Commercial centers, office buildings, integrated cities**
- **The Algerian and Arab experience of investment in real estate.**

**Panelists:**

- **Mr. Bassam Al Othman**, Senior Vice President - Real Estate Development, Kuwait Financial Center - Markaz
  - **Dr. Faysal Alaquil**, Secretary to the Board of Directors, Director of Business Development, Construction Products Holding Co (CPC), Saudi Arabic
- Open Discussion**

20:00-22:00 **Dinner**

## **DAY TWO: MONDAY, 21 JANUARY 2008**

09:00-10:00 **Session VI: Banks, Insurance and Finance Companies**

**Keynote Speech: H.E. Mr. Karim Joudi**, Minister of Finance, Algeria

- **Characteristics and development of the banking sector in Algeria.**
- **Considerable potential for the growth of banking services.**
- **Role of banks and finance companies in financing of the economy, and present and future projects.**
- **The legislative and regulatory environment in the banking and financial sector and its development.**
- **Investment opportunities in banks, and finance and insurance companies.**

### **Panelists:**

- **Mr. Abdulrahman Bin Khalafa**, General Representative, Association Professionnelle des Banques et des Etablissements Financiers, and Board Member of Fund Council, Algeria
- **Mr. Baba Ami Haji**, Treasury Director General, Ministry of Finance, Algeria
- **Mr. Abdulmagid Breish**, Deputy Chief Executive & Chief Banking Officer, Arab Banking Corporation, Bahrain
- **Mr. Ahmed El Karm**, Vice President & General Manager, Amen Bank, Tunisia
- **Mr. Hussein Al Meeza**, Vice Chairman, Al Salam Bank, UAE
- **Mr. Issa Al Hidousi**, Vice Chairman and General Manager, Beit Ettamouil Saoudi Tounsi, Tunisia
- **Mr. Hafid Mohamed Ali Seddik**, Director General, Banque Al Baraka D'Algerie

10:00-10:30 **Session VII: Water Sector in Algeria**

**Keynote Speech: H.E. Mr. Abdulmalek Sellal**, Minister of Water Resource, Algeria

- **Ongoing and future water projects, dams and distribution networks, present and future.**
- **Investment and contracting opportunities in water projects**

### **Panelist:**

- **Dr. Nizar Younes**, President, BUTEC SAL, Lebanon

10:30-11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00-11:30 **Session VIII: Investment Opportunities in Agriculture and the Food Industry**

**Keynote Speech: H.E. Mr. Said Barkat**, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Algeria

- **Conditions of the agricultural sector and its development potential.**
- **Policies and projects for agricultural development.**
- **Food industries and their future in Algeria, and investment opportunities**

11:30-12:30 **Session IX: Investment Opportunities in Promising Sectors**  
**Moderator and Keynote Speech: Mr. Abdul Majeed Baghdadli**, Director General,  
International Agency for Investment Development, Algeria

- **Prospects for growth of the communications sector and its role in attracting foreign investment.**
- **Plans to develop the communications sector and resultant investment opportunities.**
- **Potential for the development of information technology services in Algeria.**

**Panelists:**

- **Dr. Waleed Al Wohaib**, Chief Executive Officer, International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC), Saudi Arabia
- **Eng. Jalal Fawaz**, President, Professional Computer Association, Lebanon
- **Dr. Mohamed Lamine Kaouech**, President-Director General, Bifecta Group, Tunis
- **Mr. Jamaledine Latrous**, Vice President and Director General, Latrous Group

12:30-13:00 **Workshop: Health Sector in Algeria**  
**Moderator: Mr. Marwan Bin Awali**, Al-Diwan Director, Ministry of Health,  
Population and Hospitals Reform, Algeria

**Press Communiqué**

13:00-15:00 **Lunch**

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