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REPORT ON EXAMINATION OF QATAR

NATIONAL BANK DOCUMENTS.

I, Fiona Elizabeth Marsh, specialise in the scientific examination of documents and handwriting. I hold the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Master of Science. I was trained in document examination at the Metropolitan Police Forensic Science Laboratory where I worked for eight years. Since leaving the MPFSL in 1988 I have worked as an Independent Forensic Document Examiner. My clients include, for civil work and for criminal defence work, a large number of solicitors, Loss Adjusters, large companies as well as private individuals. I have also undertaken criminal prosecution work for the Metropolitan Police, the City of London Police, the Fraud Squad, the Central Cheque Squad, the British Army, the Ministry of Defence and prosecuting authorities in Gibraltar, Hong Kong, Australia, Oman and the Philippines. I have attended court on many occasions in order to give evidence both whilst employed at the MPFSL and since leaving.



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On the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017 I took possession of the following items:

#### QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS

- 1) Eight pages of Qatar National Bank bank statements for account in the name of Qatar Diplomatic Mission-44 all dated 17-OCT-2017. Pages numbered 1 of 1 and 2 of 3 cover periods in August and December 2010 and pages numbered 1 of 6 through to 6 of 6 cover dates in February 2009.

#### REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- 2) Three pages of Qatar National Bank bank statements for account in the name of Mohamed Nasser Hinzab Al Mari. Two pages are dated 23-Nov-17 and the other is dated 07- Dec-17 all covering periods in August 2010.

I have examined these items.

I have been instructed to examine and compare features of the paper, printing, format, typestyle/font of the entries and the rubber stamps on the questioned and reference documents. I have carried out these comparisons using non destructive scientific techniques.

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The result of my detailed examination can be summarised as follows:

**PAPER COMPARISON:** the reference and questioned documents are on A4 size plain white paper. There is no watermark present or any other security feature apparent. The paper of the questioned documents is indistinguishable from the paper of the reference documents.

**PRINTING/TYPESTYLE/ FONT:** I am unable to distinguish between the printing method and the size, spacing, font and format used on the questioned and reference documents apart from a few minor differences which are likely to be explained by being individual habits of the different people producing the statements. For example the date format of the date in the top right hand corner of the page differs in the questioned and reference documents as does the width of the box on the right hand side which is headed "Balance".

**RUBBER STAMP:** Each page in the questioned and reference documents bears a round rubber stamp which is in a light blue/turquoise colour ink. The stamp consists of a circle which contains the letters "QNB" and to the left of these letters is a motif. Underneath the circle are the words "London Branch" and under these words is a number. On the questioned documents the number can either be clearly defined as a "9" or is a smudge which is likely to be a "9". Two of the reference documents have the number "14" under the words "London Branch" and the third reference document bears a number "9"

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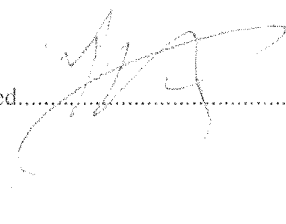
identical in shape and position to that found in the questioned documents. I have used this reference document i.e. the one bearing a stamp marked "London Branch 9" for detailed comparison with the questioned documents. I found this reference stamp to be indistinguishable from the stamps on the questioned documents even to the extent that it bears a small dot of ink just below and to the left of the lowest point of the motif. A dot in exactly the same position can be found on most of the questioned documents. It is absent from the rubber stamp on the page marked 2 of 6 but this rubber stamp is much fainter than the others and it cannot be detected on the page numbered 1 of 6. However, there is a signature written across the area the dot would be and the signature may well be masking the dot.

#### CONCLUSION

The degree of similarity between the questioned and reference documents is such that I am unable to find any evidence to indicate that the questioned documents are other than genuine.

A more detailed report on the various comparisons that have been made can be produced if required.

Signed.....



Dated.....

25th Dec 2017

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