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Meeting with Dr. Hassan Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce

Mutual agreement to support new technology investments in the Kingdom of Bahrain

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HE Dr. Hassan Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce of the Kingdom of Bahrain, today received Dr. Bernd Hoefer, Chairman & CEO of A9C Capital, and Mr. Andreas Buelow, Managing Partner of A9C Capital, to discuss how A9C Capital can best serve the Kingdom of Bahrain in its development drive.

HE Dr. Fakhro stressed the government's support for the private sector to expand its services and to provide new investment opportunities that support the country's "Vision 2030". Also, the Minister confirmed that close cooperation between the government and the private sector is a key element for the sustainable economic development of the Kingdom of Bahrain. Dr. Bernd Hoefer, Chairman & CEO of A9C Capital, underlined A9C Capital's eagerness to bring technology investment opportunities to Bahrain in order to support Bahrain's drive for economic development and diversification. He informed the Minister of the company's focus on technologies in the sectors Renewable Energy and Clean Technology, Logistics and Transportation, Aerospace, Information and Communication Technology, Media Technology and New Materials.

HE Dr. Hassan Fakhro emphasized the Ministry's support for A9C Capital regarding technology investments in Bahrain aiming at improving the economy in the country. A9C Capital pledged to identify and develop technology projects in Bahrain suitable to support the country's diversification drive.

Background and contact

A9C Capital Business Consultants & Technology Advisors

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