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Dr. Awwad Al-Awwad is Deputy Governor for Investment Affairs at the Saudi Arabian General Investment Authority (“SAGIA”), where he heads the Investment Affairs department which is responsible for managing and promoting the investment environment in Saudi Arabia. In addition, Dr. Awwad is responsible for establishing the National Competitiveness Centre which will spearhead the national “10 by 10” program that aims to establish Saudi Arabia as one of the Top 10 most competitive economies in the world by 2010.

Since Dr. Awwad joined SAGIA in 2003, the Investment Affairs department has focused on establishing a more liberal investment environment in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. As part of these efforts, Dr. Awwad also chairs the Saudi negotiation team for bilateral investment treaties and is acting leader of the Saudi team for disputes to the WTO. Furthermore, he represents Saudi Arabia in the OECD-MENA Committee on Investment and Arab Invest Promotion Association.

A 2005 Eisenhower Fellow, Dr. Awwad has published a series of academic articles in investment and economy and sits on the Advisory Board of the Saudi Economic Journal. Dr. Awwad formerly worked at the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA) as the head of Financial Law and Supervision, and as the senior trainer at SAMA's Institute of Banking.

Dr. Awwad received his BA from King Saud University and continued to receive his Masters degree in Banking Law, Boston University Law School. In pursuit of a higher degree Dr. Awwad continued to his education, receiving a PhD in Financial Market Law, Warwick University Law School

He is a Member on the Saudi Government’s Anti-Trust Committee, The Commission for Resolution of Commercial Papers Disputes United States/Saudi Arabia strategic dialogue, The Saudi American Investment and Trade Board and The regional Arab Investment Authorities Committee. He is a Member of Arab Investment Court.