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Enclosed please find the monthly economic and commercial report for the month of August, 2015 for this mission.

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EMBASSY OF INDIA
BAHRAIN

MONTHLY ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL REPORT
FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2015

1. Name of the Country: BAHRAIN

2. Trade with India:

INDIA'S TRADE WITH BAHRAIN

(Amount in Rs. Crores/\$ Million)

Details	April 2010- March 2011	April 2011- March 2012	April 2012 – March 2013	April 2013- March 2014	April 2014- March 2015
India's non-oil exports to Bahrain	Rs. 2,932.76 (\$ 651.83)	Rs.2,118.34 (\$ 439.99)	Rs.3,283.66 (\$ 603.47)	Rs.3,763.21 (\$ 639.36)	Rs.2,896.51 (\$ 472.98)
India's non-oil imports from Bahrain	Rs. 2,919.49 (\$ 641.25)	Rs. 4,326.24 (\$ 905.98)	Rs.3,596.71 (\$664.66)	Rs.3,448.88 (\$ 563.24)	Rs. 2,720.04 (\$ 446.25)
Total trade	Rs.5,852.25 (\$ 1,293.08)	Rs.6,444.58 (\$ 1,345.97)	Rs.6,880.37 (\$ 1,268.13)	Rs. 7,212.09 (\$ 1,202.60)	Rs. 5,616.56 (\$ 919.23)

Source: MOC, New Delhi
August, 2015.

INDIA'S OIL IMPORTS FROM BAHRAIN**(In thousand US \$)**

Details	January – December 2010	January- December 2011	January- December 2012	January- December 2013	January- December 2014	January- March 2015
India's Oil imports	517,603	1655,888	825,300	366,085	283,244	24,154

Source: NOGA, Kingdom of Bahrain.
July 2015

3. Trade Promotional Activities organized in August 2015 in Bahrain and activities planned in the next six months.

Trade promotional activities organized (August 2015):

- i) Monthly Economic and Commercial Bulletin for the month of August 2015, along with details of trade enquiries received from India, forwarded to leading Bahraini companies.

4. Trade and Commercial delegation from India to Bahrain and Trade and commercial delegation from Bahrain to India:

INDIA TO BAHRAIN

The International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) held a workshop titled 'A New Era of GCC Geo-Economic Opportunity with China and India' on 1st August, 2015. The workshop brought together speakers from Bahrain, GCC, India and China. Speakers included ambassadors and global business leaders from the energy sector, financial services and telecommunications as well as GCC ministry representatives and geo-economics experts. The workshop covered how the rise of India and China as global economic powers provides an opportunity for GCC economies to increase their global investment outreach with these countries.

5. Important International Trade Fairs/Exhibitions in Bahrain. Report on recent such fairs/exhibitions, including details of Indian participation & response.

2015

NAME OF THE EXHIBITION	SCHEDULED DATE
MIDDLE EAST PROCESS ENGINEERING CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION (MEPEC), 2015	15 SEPTEMBER, 2015
JEWELLERY ARABIA, 2015	24 NOVEMBER, 2015

6. Important Trade & Investment activities by other countries in Bahrain and Analysis of Export performance of competing countries.

7. Analysis of global exports & imports of Bahrain, especially with respect to products of export and import interest to India.

Bahrain's non-oil exports/imports (2011) – Latest Data not available

(Top countries)

EXPORTS

(Amount in Million)

S.No.	Country	Amount in BD	Amount in US\$
1	Saudi Arabia	275.30	729.55
2	U.A.E.	100.06	265.16
3	Qatar	77.65	205.77
4	U.S.A.	64.97	172.17
5	India	64.23	170.21
6	Sultanate of Oman	30.46	80.72
7	Kuwait	29.68	78.65
8	Egypt	23.30	61.75
9	Australia	20.05	53.13
10	Jordan	18.39	48.74
	Remaining countries	202.13	535.64
	Bahrain's total exports	906.22	2,401.49

IMPORTS

S.No.	Country	Amount in BD	Amount in US\$
1	Saudi Arabia	171.01	453.17
2	U.A.E.	87.57	232.06
3	China	69.87	185.15
4	Australia	46.88	124.23
5	Japan	46.01	121.92
6	U.S.A.	35.69	94.57
7	Kuwait	28.99	76.82
8	U.K.	28.09	74.43
9	Germany	26.44	70.06
10	France	20.49	54.29
	Remaining countries	176.34	467.30
	Total	737.35	1,953.98
*	India	13.19	34.96

Source : BCCI, Bahrain

*The above figures are not final, as per BCCI.

Total trade in US\$ with India by top 10 commodities (2014-15)**India's non-oil exports/imports with Bahrain (Top commodities)****EXPORTS**

Sl.No.	HS Code	Commodity	Amount in US\$ Million
1	27	Mineral Fuels , Mineral Oil and Products	229.33
2	28	Inorganic Chemicals, Organic or Inorganic Compounds of Precious Metals of Rare-Earth Metals or Radi. Elem. or of Isotopes	37.71
3	10	Cereals	37.01

4	39	Plastic and Articles	13.19
5	02	Meat and Edible Meat Offal	12.76
6	07	Edible Vegetables and Certain Roots and Tubers	10.97
7	08	Edible Fruits and Nuts, Peel or Citrus Fruit or Melons	10.58
8	62	Articles of Apparel and Clothing Accessories, Not Knitted or Crocheted	9.81
9	04	Dairy Produce: Bird's Egg , Natural Honey.	7.60
10	29	Organic Chemicals	4.15
		India's total exports to Bahrain	373.11

IMPORTS

Sl.No.	HS Code	Commodity	Amount in US\$ Million
1	27	Minerals Fuels, Mineral Oils and Products and their Distillation, Bituminous Substances , Mineral Waxes	359.23
2	76	Aluminium and Articles thereof	92.91
3	72	Iron and Steel	35.19
4	99	Miscellaneous Goods	15.65
5	74	Copper and Articles	12.14
6	26	Ores, Slag and Ash	10.46
7	47	Pulp or Wood of other Fibrous Cellulosic Material; Waste and Scrap of Paper or Paperboard.	9.89
8	28	Inorganic Chemicals. Organic or Inorganic Compounds of Precious Metals, of Rare Earth Metals, Or Radi. Elem Or of Isotopes	7.87
9	25	Salt, Sulphur, Earth and Stone, Plastering Materials, Lime and Cement	7.42
10	49	Printed Books, Newspapers, Pictures and other Products of the Printing Industry, Manuscripts, Typescripts and Plans	3.71
		India's total Imports from Bahrain	553.75

Source: MOC's website: www.commerce.nic.in

8. Market prospects in respect of major items of Indian export interests.

Total trade in US\$ (Major items)

Bahrain's non-oil imports/exports (Top commodities-2011) - latest data not available.

EXPORTS

S.No.	Commodity	Amount in US\$Millions
1	AGGLOMERATED IRON ORES	277.23
2	WASTE AND SCRAP OF CAST IRON	83.36
3	RECTANGULAR UNALLOYED ALUMINIUM	40.42
4	OTHER ALUMINUM ALLOYS BARS AND RODS	33.28
5	ALUMINIUM WASTE AND SCRAP	9.19
6	COLD -ROLLED STAINLESS, OVER 599MM	5.81
7	COPPER WASTE AND SCRAP	3.35
8	SULPHUR OF ALL KINDS	3.33
9	BARS AND RODS OF ALUMINIUM	2.51
10	POWDERS OF NON-LAMELLAR STRUCTURE	2.15
	BAHRAIN'S TOTAL EXPORTS	460.63

IMPORTS

S.No.	Commodity	Amount in US\$ Millions
1	ALUMINIUM OXIDE	61.34
2	COMPRESSORS USED IN REFRIGERATING	17.62
3	SEMI - MILLED OR WHOLLY MILLED RICE, WHEAT etc.	16.67
4	TELEPHONES FOR CELLULAR NETWORKS	11.04
5	BARS AND RODS OF IRON	9.71
6	OTHER ZINC - PLATED IRON OR STEEL	9.20
7	COTTON, NOT CARDED OR COMBED	8.14

8	REFINED SUGAR CRYSTALS	6.89
9	MOTORS OF AN OUTPUT NOT EXCEEDING 37.5	6.70
10	UNCOMBED SINGLE COTTON YARN	5.55
	BAHRAIN'S TOTAL IMPORTS	152.86

Source: CIO, Kingdom of Bahrain
February, 2013.

9. Trade Enquiries from India and Trade Enquiries from Bahrain: Annexure-I

10. Trade Complaints received during August, 2015 and follow up action on earlier complaints: Nil

11. Indian Investment in Bahrain (company-wise and sector-wise), and performance of existing Indian Subsidiaries/Joint Ventures/Collaborations, if any in Bahrain

12. Status of ongoing major investments by Indian PSU's/Pvt Sector in Bahrain, and proposed Indian investments in Bahrain

13. Analysis of Investment opportunities in Bahrain

Oil has already sent the panic waves across the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), with the prices hitting the rock bottom. And this trend has called for the diversification of Gulf Economy. Experts are of the view that education is a proper replacement for Oil as Bahrain has lot of advantages. The geographical advantages and religious ambience of Bahrain make the island a place fit to become the hub of education in ten years time. Over \$ 200 billion will be invested to create 40,000 kilometers long regional rail transport corridor which connects the six Arab Gulf Co-operation Council member states. The project will open new commercial venues and require more investment in the region, both public and private. A study on a railway connecting Bahrain and Saudi Arabia is expected to be completed by the end of March. Two routes have been proposed for an 87 km long rail link that will connect two stations on either side of water. This rail link is also a part of GCC railway network. Aluminum Bahrain has line 6 project which will add 400,000 tonnes to the smelter's current capacity of more than 900,000 tonnes. The feasibility study for the project has been completed and approvals from authorities are expected by end 2015. Once construction starts, the project is expected to be completed by 2018. Other major infrastructure projects include a US\$2bn expansion of Bahrain International Airport unveiled in December, 2014 which will increase annual passenger capacity from 9m to 13.5m over the next five years and includes a new terminal and retail facilities.

14. Status of trade and investment related issues taken up by the mission with the Government of Bahrain - NIL

15. Details and result of meetings & interactions of the Mission with Trade Industry and Economic Ministries/Department/Agencies in Bahrain: Nil

16. Important policy changes by the government of Bahrain, especially with respect to trade, investment, aid/credit facilities etc.

New Rules that restrict big bonuses for bankers in Bahrain have been implemented by the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB). CBB Rulebook on remuneration rules for licensed banks was brought in to better protect shareholders and other stakeholders. The new rules are fair and in line with international best practices, including those recommended by the Basel Committee. Among other things, the rules specify fixed and variable components of remuneration.

Bahrain Economic Development Board (EDB) has highlighted details of a new visa policy that allows nationals of more than 60 more countries to obtain a visa on arrival, bringing the total number of countries with this option to nearly 100. The new visa policy will be implemented in 2015 and is a significant development, with the potential to affect over 2.5 billion people who can now obtain a one month visa on arrival, with the ability to renew for another three months. In particular, the new visa policy will further enable expatriates who do business in Bahrain, to easily travel in and out of the Kingdom more easily, as well as boosting the tourism industry.

Bahrain's industrial policy aims at diversification of the base of national economy and lays emphasis on promotion of new start ups across all economic sectors using environmentally sound technologies as well as on improvement of productivity and development of human resources in the existing enterprises. Bahrain has been ranked highly by several international organizations and has a reputation for offering attractive industrial opportunities to local and international investors. This coupled with an efficient banking and communication system, absence of taxation & exchange controls and a friendly society makes Bahrain an ideal place to invest in and do business.

17. Position of Bahrain on WTO related issues and issues with respect to other important multilateral fora. Recent important changes in policy and public opinion in these areas - Nil

18. Major International Tenders & Bids invited in Bahrain. Nil

19. Aid/Assistance received by Bahrain from other countries/international agencies, funding organizations etc.

After the outbreak of unrest in 2011, GCC countries announced \$10bn aid packages for both Bahrain and Oman, often described as a GCC "Marshall Plan". The UAE, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Qatar agreed to finance development over a 10-year period. In August, 2014 it was announced that \$5.3bn had been allocated for projects like housing, electricity and water, expansion of Bahrain International Airport, health, sewage, roads and education. Bahrain is relying on the GCC funding to push ahead with such projects despite a drop in oil revenues causing a fiscal deficit of BD1.47bn this year and BD1.563bn next year necessitating overhaul of the subsidy system to save money.

SAUDI Arabia has allocated funding worth \$670 million to pay for housing, road, power and water projects in Bahrain. It will finance four major new projects in Bahrain and is the second instalment of a \$2.5 billion grant from Saudi Arabia, which was pledged as part of the \$10bn Gulf Development Fund. The new projects include construction of 1,247 housing units at the Al Ramli government housing development costing \$150m; a Northern Road project worth \$250m; a new 220/66kv electricity network consisting of several transmission stations costing \$200m; and a water distribution network valued at \$70m.

20. Commercial, Economic and Political Report of Bahrain

Commercial (August 2015)

Business confidence in the Middle East continued to fall in the second quarter, but not as quickly as it had in the first three months of the year, according to the Global Economic Conditions Survey. The slight optimism was due to a temporary reprieve in oil prices during the spring. More than any other region, firms in the Middle East began looking for opportunities in the new markets in the last three months. The second quarter saw an abortive rise in oil prices, several expected and unexpected rate cuts by central banks, a rebound in Western Consumer sentiment and a stock market crash in China. These events led to business confidence leveling off in the second quarter of 2015 following six months of improvement. China's economic slowdown and accompanying shift from Investment to consumption driven growth will have the greatest long-term impact on global trade patterns, hitting the world's major commodity exporters particularly hard.

Economic (August 2015)

Oil prices plunged again to fresh six-year lows, casting doubt on Bahrain's budget calculations for the next two years. Concerns about a slowdown in Chinese demand following the Asian stock market crash of "Black Monday" – combined with a glut of crude oil coming out of the US – has fuelled the price plummet. Bahrain's budget has been drawn up based on an anticipated oil price of \$60 a barrel- and as more than 80 per cent of government revenues come from oil, its price cannot be ignored. Bahrain National debt of BD7 bn, which was supposed to be settled in two years 2015 and 2016- BD 3.5bn each. The drop in the price of oil will definitely affect. It was initially anticipated that the price would pick up by August, but this did not happen and will negatively impact on plans.

Political (August 2015):

Latest Bahrain's parliamentary elections took place in November, 2014. With the elections boycotted by the Shia opposition and marred by low-level violence, Bahrain's political impasse looks set to continue for the foreseeable future. It was announced at the end of 2014 that Bahrain will host a permanent British military base for the first time in more than 40 years. The Kingdom is already home of the US Fifth Fleet.

21. Pending References from the Mission: Annexure –II (Trade complaint list sent to DGFT)

22. Monthly expenditure of the commercial Budget:

(Expenditure incurred until 31/08/2015)

Sr. No.	Month	Salaries	Medical	Travel Expenses	Office Expenses	Rent, Rate & Taxes	Adv & Publicity	Trade Promotion	Total Expenditure	Progressive Expenditure
1.	April 2015	304,648	-	-	744	181604	-	3363	490359	490359
2.	May 2015	178,547	-	-	-	-	-	-	178547	668905
3.	June 2015	156,728	-	-	45180	183175	-	-	385082	1053988

4.	July 2015	158,720	-	-	7580	-	-	-	166301	1220288
5	Aug 2015	157,416	-	-	438	-	-	86,558	244412	1464700

23. Any other relevant inputs (August 2015):

- i) Progressive Expenditure Statement for the month of August 2015 was sent to TA/TC Section, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, New Delhi.

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Annexure - I**Trade Enquiries received from India during the month of August, 2015**

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Tel: +91-8154011111 Mob: Fax:
E-mail: info@sunlakeinternational.com
Contact:
Specific areas of interest: Tiles
2. M/s. DIVYAM EXPORTS, INDIA
Tel: +91-9942066155 Mob: Fax:
E-mail: silambubiz@gmail.com
Contact: Mr. Silambarasan
Specific areas of interest: Rice
3. M/s. ONS EXPORT
Plot No.52, Sevanthi Street, Parasakthi Nagar, Villapuram, Maduari 625012
Tel: Mob: Fax:
E-mail:
Contact:
Specific areas of interest: Textiles
4. M/s. HAMID INTERNATIONAL
Chennai - 600108
Tel: +91-44-25213285 Mob: Fax:
E-mail: export@hamidinternational.com
Contact: Mr. D.K.S Sha
Specific areas of interest: Food items
5. M/s. EAGLE IMPEX
No.37, Gandhipuram, Middle Street, Sengunthapuram Post, Karur, Tamil Nadu.
Tel: +91-4324-239429 Mob: Fax:
E-mail: eagleimpex11@gmail.com
Contact: Mr. K. Saravanan
Specific areas of interest: Agriculture, Carpets, Leather, Textiles, Tea, Handicrafts, Jewellery, Sportsgoods, Electronic
6. M/s. BANGALORE
C-22, Pradhan Pelican Apartments, Avani Srigeri Nagar, Nyanappanhalli Main Road, Bangalore
Tel: +91-9980900221 Mob: Fax:
E-mail: sanjoy69@rediffmail.com
Contact: Mr. Sanjoy Bose, Mr. Anupam Mahajan
Specific areas of interest: Garments and Food items

7. M/s. KSK Worldwide Neelam Foods India
30, Parsi Panchayat Road, Andheri (EAST), Mumbai – 400069, India
Tel: +91-02267102260 Mob: Fax: +91-22-67102261
E-mail: kskworldwide@gmail.com
Contact: Mr. Kanhaiyalal Kedia.
Specific areas of interest: Bakeries
8. M/s. ARR ENTERPRISES, TAMILNADU
Tel: +91-9994957741 Mob: Fax:
E-mail: info@arrenterprises@gmail.com
Contact: Mr. S. Rathis Kumar
Specific areas of interest: Spices, Fruits & Vegetables, Coffee, Textiles
9. M/s. SRI VITTAL EXPORTS
Plot # 72, Golden City, Alasatham, Hosur – 635109, Krishnagiri (Dt), Tamilnadu
Tel: +91-4344-291206 Mob: +91- 9894753117 Fax:
E-mail: svivittalexports@gmail.com, sathya@srivittalexports.com
Contact: Mr. P. Sathyanarayanan
Specific areas of interest: Fruits& Vegetables
10. M/s. EXCELSIOR PHARMACEUTICALS
INDIA
Tel: Mob: Fax:
E-mail: monica@excelsiorpharma.com
Contact: Mr. Vikas Singh
Specific areas of interest: Pharma and Hospitalequipment
11. M/s. AAPT
25 Cathedral Road, Chennai -86
Tel: +91-9790978839 Mob: Fax:
E-mail: ravi@aapt.co.in
Contact: Mr. Ravindra . C
Specific areas of interest: Granite, Marble and Ceramic
12. M/s. BSL
Bhopal , MP
Tel: Mob: +91-89622-56845 Fax:
E-mail: neo.atul.rawat@gmail.com
Contact: Mr. Atul Rawat
Specific areas of interest: Scaffolding, Construction, Engineering, Building
13. M/s. DANVANTHREE EXPORTS
INDIA
Tel: Mob: Fax:
E-mail: info@danvanthreexports
Contact: Mr. S. Ramaswamy
Specific areas of interest: Textiles, Garments

14. M/s. Sri Parvathi Exports
3/751 Parai Patti, Sivakasi – East -626189
Tel: +91-9600873096 Mob: Fax:
E-mail: sriparvathiexports@gmail.com
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Specific areas of interest: Fruits & Vegetables
15. M/s. EXCEL CERAMIC PVT LTD
8-A, National Highway, At – Makansar, Morbi, Gujarat
Tel: +91-2822 283578 Mob: Fax:
E-mail: info@excelceramic.com
Contact: Mr. Vivek Bhalodiya
Specific areas of interest: Tiles
16. M/s. SKAY EXPORT
Tirupur, India
Tel: +91-9566472439 Mob: Fax:
E-mail: skayexports@gmail.com
Contact: Mr. Suresh Kumar
Specific areas of interest: Garments, Fruits and Vegetables
17. M/s. HOME & INTERNATIONAL TRADE
G 8 &9, Metro House, Mangaldas Road, Pune 411001.
Tel: +91-20-40077793 Mob: Fax:
E-mail: hftrade@hotmail.com
Contact: Mr. Hiten Shah
Specific areas of interest: Hospitalequipments, Garments Fashion, Bakeries.
18. M/s. GANGESWAR EXPORTS,
JB/7. Jagda, Dist – Sundargarh, Odisha, India
Tel: +91-9861049619 Mob: Fax:
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Contact:
Specific areas of interest: Steel
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Tel: +91-9904555572 Mob: Fax:
E-mail: powermaccompressor@gmail.com
Contact: Mr. Abhay Chandat
Specific areas of interest: Air condition
20. M/s. ASS EXPORTS
INDIA
Tel: +91-9994877724 Mob: Fax:
E-mail: sugantharaj93@gmail.com
Contact: Ms. S. Geeta
Specific areas of interest: Fruits and Vegetables, Spices, Textiles and Rice.

21. M/s. REY CERA CERATION PVT.LTD
8-A, National Highway, Sartanpar Raod, Tal. Wankaner Dis Morbi, Gujarat
Tel: Mob: Fax:
E-mail: export@reycera.com
Contact:
Specific areas of interest: Tiles
22. M/s. MAS ENTERPRISES LTD
Cochin, Kerala
Tel: +91-484-2988100 Mob: +919447070770 Fax:
E-mail: mail@masindia.com
Contact: Mr. Anjo Jose
Specific areas of interest: Spices.
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Tel: Mob: Fax: +91-33-2262-5881
E-mail: radharam@vsnl.net
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Specific areas of interest: Herbal
24. M/s. AKSHAR INTERNATIONAL
Opposite Ramani Motor Garage, Mayani Chowk, Rajkot.
Tel: +91-9427752361 Mob: Fax:
E-mail: akshar_international@yahoo.com
Contact: Mr. Sanjay Kumar
Specific areas of interest: Agrculture and Spices.
