Proposal for the Inclusion of Exported Bahraini Horses In the Al Khamsa Roster

This is a proposal for the inclusion of the following Arabian horses and their exclusive descendants in the Al Khamsa Roster:

**Group 1 (four horses):**

- Shuwaimeh Bint Warda
- Kray Mohammadia
- Krayaan Dilmun
- Hamdanieh Habiba

**Group 2 (ten horses):**

- Tuwaisaan Thaatha
- Miolshaan Mahrous
- Rabdaan Aseer
- Kuheilaan Aafas Maidaan
- Obeyaan Mirage
- Miolshaan Mutab
- Tuwaisaan 406
- Kuhaylan Umm Zorayr Nafees
- Jellaby Bashaar
- Musannah Mawaaheb

**Group 1:**

The four horses in Group 1 were bred in the Kingdom of Bahrain, by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Salman Aal Khalifah, and imported to the United Kingdom by Mrs. Jenny Lees of Pearl Island Arabian Stud. All four are registered in the Amiri Studbook of Bahrain, and in the Arabian Horse Studbook (AHS) of the United Kingdom. The breeder of these four horses, the late Sheikh Mohammed bin Salman Aal Khalifah died in 2009, was the uncle of the present ruler of Bahrain King Hamad bin Isa Aal Khalifah (ruling 1999–present) and the younger brother of the former ruler, Sheikh Isa bin Salman Aal Khalifah (ruled 1961–1999). He also bred the Al Khamsa stallion *Mlolshaan Hager Solomon*, imported to the USA.

The proposal also encompasses the exclusive descendants of these four horses from the breeding of Mrs. Lees, including the 2000 chestnut stallion Shuwaiman Al Rais (Krayaan Dilmun x Shuwaimeh Bint Warda), whose frozen semen was imported from the United Kingdom by two Al Khamsa breeders in 2017.

**Group 2:**

The ten horses in Group 2 were also bred in the Kingdom of Bahrain. All ten were bred by the Royal Stud of Bahrain, except Miolshaan Mutab, who was bred by the Stud of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Salman Aal Khalifah.

Tuwaisaan Thaatha and Miolshaan Mahrous were gifts to Her Majesty the Queen of England from the King of Bahrain. Both are kept with Mrs. Lees. Rabdaan Aseer was loaned to Mrs. Lees by the Bahrain Royal Stud for a period of time, and did not stand at public stud. Kuheilaan Aafas Maidaan was gifted by the King of Bahrain to the Government of Poland and is now standing at the Janow Podlaski stud. Obeyaan Mirage was a gift from the Royal Stud of Bahrain to Warren and Regina Staas of Ravenstable stud in Germany. Miolshaan Mutab and Tuwaisaan 406 were gifts to Mrs. Pauline Du Plessis of Saruk Stud in South Africa, from His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Salman and the Royal Stud of Bahrain, respectively. Kuhaylan Umm Zorayr, Nafees Al Bahrain, Musannah Mawaaheb and Jellaby Bashaar were gifts from the King of Bahrain to former President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, who had them stationed at the Egyptian Agricultural Organization El Zahraa Stud. All ten are registered in the Amiri Studbook of Bahrain, and in the studbooks of the countries to which they were exported.
The horses of the Aal Khalifah family:

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The *Abbas Pasha Manuscript* is replete with references to horses and strains owned by the Aal Khalifah family. Dozens of Abbas Pasha’s most treasured horses, from the Kuhaylan Jallabi, Dahman Shahwan, and Dahman Najib originated with them. Many of these horses, including the famous *Jellabiet Feysul*, and *Talqah “Faras Nakadan”*, are Al Khamsa foundation horses under the ancestral element Egypt I.

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In the early 1960s, Sheikh Mohamed received gifts of several mares and stallions of the Saqlawi and Hamdani strains, from the royal family of the neighboring Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. In 1971 American author and breeder Judi Forbis visited the stud of Sheikh Mohammed and noted seeing several good mares there. She was also told that Sheikh Mohamed had a good Hamdani stallion from Saudi Arabia that had died shortly before her visit (Hamdaany Riadh). Photos of some of these horses can be found in Volume 1 of the Bahrain studbook.

The horses of Sheikh Mohamed have never been bred commercially, never been sold and are only rarely gifted. Changing fashions and western standards have never dictated their breeding, and they still represent the old type of Arabian war horses. The stud is currently located in the town of Umm Jidr.

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Hamdanieh Habiba is a bay mare, born July 13, 1994, by Rabdan Alahmar (BH) out of Hamdanieh Waselah (BH). She was bred by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Salman Aal Khalifah. Additional information about her ancestors is in the Amiri Arabian Horse Studbook Volumes I and II. A full pedigree is available here, drawing on the Amiri Arabian Horse Studbooks.

Krayaan Dilmun is a chestnut stallion, born April 1992, by Ma’anagy Nadeem out of Kray Manifa. He was bred by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Salman Aal Khalifah. Additional information about his ancestors is in the Amiri Arabian Horse Studbook Volumes I and II. Full pedigree is available here, drawing on the Amiri Arabian Horse Studbooks.

The ten horses in Group 2:

Tuwaisaan Thaathaa is a grey stallion, born in 2002, by Shawaf Al Betaar out of Tuwaisah Raawiyah. He was bred by the Amiri Arabian Stud. Additional information about his ancestors is in the Amiri Arabian Horse Studbook Volumes I and II. A full pedigree is available here, drawing on the Amiri Arabian Horse Studbooks.

Mlolshaan Mahrous is a chestnut stallion, [Pedigree Forthcoming] He was bred by the Amiri Arabian Stud. Additional information about his ancestors is in the Amiri Arabian Horse Studbook Volumes I and II.

Radbaan Aseer is a grey stallion born in 1995, by Jellaby Nejib out of Rabda Daraari by Jellaby Alasil out of Rabda BH 1973 out Ma’anghy Alkebir. He was bred by the Amiri Arabian Stud. Additional information about his ancestors is in the Amiri Arabian Horse Studbook Volumes I and II.

Kuheilaan Aafas Maidaan is a dark chestnut stallion, born in 2007, by Shawaf Al Betaar out of Kuheilat Aafas Nood. He was bred by the Amiri Arabian Stud. Additional information about his ancestors is in the Amiri Arabian Horse Studbook Volumes I and II. A full pedigree is available here, drawing on the Amiri Arabian Horse Studbooks.

Obeyaan Mirage is a grey stallion, by Hamdaany Nej 850 (Hamdaany Shaamikh 81 x Hamdanieh Aljohara 305) out of Obeyah Alanqa’a (M314), by Jellaby Sultan M49 out of Obeyah Al Gabra M153 by Jellaby Kher. He was bred by the Amiri Arabian Stud. Additional information about his ancestors is in the Amiri Arabian Horse Studbook Volumes I and II.

Mlolshaan Mutab is a bay stallion, born in 1999, by Molshean Hilal out of Mlolesh Dabiyah by Jellaby Adari out of Mlolesh Durra M10. He was bred by HH Sheikh Mohamed Bin Salman Aal Khalifah. Additional information about his ancestors is in the Amiri Arabian Horse Studbook Volumes I and II. A full pedigree is available here, drawing on the Amiri Arabian Horse Studbooks.

Tuwaisaan 406. [Pedigree forthcoming]. He was bred by the Amiri Arabian Stud. Additional information about his ancestors is in the Amiri Arabian Horse Studbook Volumes I and II.

Kuheilaan Umm Zorayr Nafees Al Bahrain is a grey stallion, born in 1999, by Musannaan Jameel out of Kuheilat Umm Zorayr Nawwaarah by Jellaby Nejib out of Kuhaylat Umm Zorayr Ssarfa. He was bred by the Amiri Arabian Stud. Additional information about his ancestors is in the Amiri Arabian Horse Studbook Volumes I and II.

Jellaby Bashaar is a grey stallion, born in 2001, by Kuheilaan Aasas Rakaan out of Jellabieh Awaassif by Musannaan Al Meemar out of Jellabieh Bint Al Sadiyah Medaayih by Dahmaan Althaani. He was bred by the Amiri Arabian Stud. Additional information about his ancestors is in the Amiri Arabian Horse Studbook Volumes I and II.

Musannah Mawaheb is a chestnut mare, born in 2000, by Jellaby Nejib out of Musannah Mufflah by Hamdaany Shaamikh out of Musannah Wahaayeb by Krushan Al Aswad. She was bred by the Amiri Arabian Stud. Additional information about his ancestors is in the Amiri Arabian Horse Studbook Volumes I and II.

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