The Pedigree:

1. The following is a public link to the pedigree of Kuheilaan Aladiyat Hashal (BHR 1623), based on information from the Bahrain Arabian Horse Studbook and other documents presented in this proposal. 


Kuheilaan Aafas Ttaawoos
Hamdaany Wadhah
Burkhaan
Hamdanieh Newaahil
Hamdanieh Bint Umm Shaameh
Kuheilaan Aladiyat Hashal
Kuheilaan Aafas Rakaan
Kuheila't Aladiyat Afeefa
Jellaby Nejib
Kuheila't Aladiyat Bint Fejri
Kuheilaan Aafas Ttaawoos
Kuheila't Aladiyat Raylaanah
Kuheila't Aladiyat Naafleh
Jellaby AlSakhir x Kuheilat Aladiyat BHR*576

Kuheilaan Aafas Ttaawoos
Hamdaany Wadhah
Ma'anaghy AlSaghir x Sitah D1 BHRSP*300
Hamdaany 71 x Hamdanieh Umm Shaameh

2. This pedigree forms an integral part of the current proposal for inclusion in the Al Khamsa Roster. All the ancestors in the pedigree of Kuheilaan Aladiyat Hashal were bred in Bahrain from old Bahraini lines. Most ancestors appear in the pedigrees of other Bahraini horses already accepted into the Al Khamsa Roster, except two horses who are new: the mare Kuheilat Aladiyat 576, which is the tail female ancestor, and the mare Sitah, which appears in the middle of the pedigree (see bold elements in the pedigree above). This proposal provides more detail on these two additional ancestors.

Kuheilat Aladiyat 576:


4. Judith Forbis visited the studs of the ruling family of Bahrain in March 1970 and mentioned the following: “Kuheilah Al Adiati is another strain rarely heard of before, but deriving from the Kuheilaan family. She came from Saudi Arabia, and was presented to Sheikh Hamad when he was a prince, together with a letter of presentation from the offering Sheikh of Al Ajman: “I send to you this mare which fulfills Al Adiat […] When Sheikh Hamad saw her racing and found her exceedingly swift, he happily declared: “Truly she is of Al Adiat” (Document 1).

5. The same story recurs in Volume I of the Bahraini stud book (1980) and on the website of the Bahraini Royal Stud: “A Kuheilah mare was presented to Shaikh Hamed bin Isa (1874-1942) while he was still a young man. The sender of the mare, Shaikh of the Ajman tribe, wrote a letter to his friend: “We send you this Kuheilah mare which fulfills the Adiyat”. From the Koran, Sura C (Adiyat, or those that run) […] When Shaikh Hamed saw the mare run in a race and found her exceedingly swift, he happily declared: “Truly she is of the El Adiyat”. A descendant of this mare Kuheilat Aladiyat Naafleh 222 has been a prolific producer of fillies. So this line continues to flourish even today.

6. The strain is evidently a branch of the Kuhaylan family, and appears to have come to Bahrain in the period between 1923 and 1932, the period when Shaykh Hamad bin Ispa Aal Khalifah was deputy ruler, (i.e., Crown Prince) before succeeding his father as ruler upon the latter’s death in 1932.

7. The strain clearly received its current name following the episode of the gifting of this specific mare. It would have been known under a different name before this episode. The ‘Ajman Bedouin tribesmen of Eastern Saudi Arabian were famed breeders of several Kuhaylan strains, among which were Kuhaylat Umm Surayyir, Kuhaylat al-Harqah and Kuhaylat al-Jaziah. It is entirely possible that the original gift mare belonged to either one of these strains, or another Kuhaylan strain of the Ajman.

8. Volume I of the Bahrain Studbook goes on to say, “One descendant of this mare remains in Bahrain,” and then lists Kuheilah Adiyati Nr. 222, speckled grey mare foaled 1970, by Jellaby Sakhir Nr. 270 and out of “Kuheilah Adiyati (dead). This is the same 1970 grey mare appearing in Volume II of the Bahrain Studbook as Kuheila’at Aladiyat Naafleh 222, by Jellaby Alsakhir and out of Kuheila’at Aladiyat (576).
Kuhailan Aladiyat Hashal, 2011 chestnut stallion, is shown above left with Jamal Abusoud and above right, racing in Bahrain.

Sitah D1:

11. Also in Volume 1 of the *Amiri Arabian Stud of Bahrain*, the late Danah Al Khalifah writes that “the breeding program at Danah Farm is centered around the foundation mare SITAH, ‘Hamdaniah Feisul’ and her offspring. Sitah’s history is documented from the time she was acquired as a two year old filly in 1964, at the Najd encampment of Emir Abdulla bin Saud. It was stated by the caretaker of the horse herd that Sitah was bred by Crown Prince Feisal bin Abdul Aziz, and was out of a Hamdaniyah Giam mare of the horses of Al Saud, and by a stallion stud Saqlawy El Njem from the horses of Al Rasheed.”

12. In the same 1971 *Arabian Horse World* article on the Bahraini horses, Judith Forbis has the following to say about Sitah: “We stopped to see SITAH, her exquisitely refined white desert bred mare of the Hamdaniyah Giam strain. Sired by a Saqlawi Njem from the Al Rashid family, Sitah was bred at the stud at Tiev, [Edouard’s note: Ta’if, the city where the stud of King Faysal Ibn Abd al-Aziz Aal Saud was located] the long famous Saud stud, by King Feisal of Saudi Arabia, at the time he was a crown prince” (Document 3).

13. An additional source on Sitah is a typewritten letter from Danah Al Khalifah to Jens Sennick where she gives him information on Sitah including a date of birth of 1961 and similar information on her sire and her dam (Document 4).

14. The strain of Saqlawi El Njem recorded as that of the sire of Sitah is none other than the strain of Saqlawi Nijm al-Subh (Star of the Morning in Arabic), also known today as Saqlawi Marzakani among the northern Shammar. The Northern Shammar are in Syria and Iraq and often sent horses to their Southern Shammar brethren, whose leaders were from the Al Rasheed family.

15. Based on the information above, it would seem that all the antecedents of Kuhailan Aladiyat Hashal, including Sitah D1 and Kuhailat Aladiyat 576, were either Bedouin bred or bred by the Royal Arabian Stud of Bahrain from well-ascertained, authenticated and reputable Bedouin lines. I would therefore request that the Board and General Assembly of Al Khamsa, Inc, consider adding Kuhailan Aladiyat Hashal to the Roster of Al Khamsa Arabian horses.