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Abdullah Hasan Al-Abdul-Gader is the Commissioner of the Capital Market Authority. Prior to this position, he has worked on information technology projects at Saudi Aramco during temporary summer assignments. King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology (KACST), British Council, and KFUPM have funded some of his research projects. During these projects, Mr. Al-Abdul-Gader worked as an Advisor to the Rector from 2001 to 2004 and was the Vice Rector for Graduate Studies and Scientific Research from 1995 to 2001. In this position, he chaired various standing committees and councils including: The Scientific Council, Training and Sponsorship Committee, Graduate Assistants and Lecturers Committee, the Academic Committee, the Academic Textbook Committee, and Deans' communication panel.

Mr. Al-Abdul-Gader began his seventeen year career with King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals (KFUPM) in 1981. He has held various positions at KFUPM such as lecturer, manager of the Administrative Applications Department in the University's Information Technology Center, assistant professor in the Department of Accounting and Management Information Systems (MIS), associate professor, and professor. While at the university, he led several application development and maintenance teams for the KFUPM's Administrative Departments including payroll, finance, inventory, and registration. Mr. Al-Abdul-Gader initiated an ambitious on-the-job training for young Saudi professionals in the department.

Mr. Al-Abdul-Gader has been teaching, researching, and consulting in the area of MIS. With his research, he has produced three books, more than nineteen papers in academic journals, and eleven conference papers in professional conferences. During the past two years, Mr. Al-Abdul-Gader has led two major research investigations. The first is the development of a national information technology plan for the Kingdom, while the second examines internet banking practices in the Saudi Banking sector.

Mr. Al-Abdul-Gader was a member of the Board of Directors of the Saudi Telecommunication Company (STC), the first privatization venture in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from May 1998 to February 2003. Besides other board assignments, he was a member of the Audit Committee and the Compensation Committee of the board.

He has also served as a board member in the Saudi Computer Society (SCS), a national computer association with wide array of memberships including academicians, computer professionals, and computer students. In addition, Mr. Al-Abdul-Gader is a member of the Information Resources Management Association (USA), and the Accounting Standards Committee in the Saudi Organization for Certified Public Accountants (SOCPA). He is also a member of editorial boards for several international information management journals.

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