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**PRESS RELEASE**

Sub: Starting of Visa services at CKGS Jleeb Al Showaikh (Abbasiya) Centre

The Embassy is pleased to announce that with effect from 28 September, 2015, Indian Passport and Visa Service Center, M/s Cox & Kings Services (CKGS), Kuwait will be providing visa services to Kuwaiti nationals and expatriates in Kuwait at Jleeb Al Showaikh (Abbasiya) 2nd Floor, Jleeb Al Shuyoukh Block 1,Street 1, Xcite Building, Kuwait, in addition to the present passport services. The above centre functions from 8 AM - 12 noon and then from 4 PM - 8 PM on all working days and from 4 PM to 8 PM during closed holidays on Fridays and Saturdays.

2. There has been an appreciable increase in issue of visas by the Indian Embassy in last two years. The Embassy has further simplified its visa procedures and has been issuing 5-year and 1-year business visa (multiple entry) and 6- month tourist visa (multiple entry) to Kuwaiti nationals (as well as foreign nationals resident in Kuwait). All those travelling to India regularly are advised to apply for tourist visa (6 month multiple entry) or long-term business visa (5 year or 1-year multiple entry).

3. The visa work of the Embassy has been outsourced to M/s CKGS, Kuwait and applicants can visit Passport and Visa Centres of CKGS in (a) Indian Visa and Passport Application Centre, 17th Floor, Behbahani Building, Sharq, Kuwait : Tel. No. 22440392 (e- mail: indiavisa.kuwait@ckgs.com )or ; (b) Indian Visa and Passport Application Centre, Complex Kais Alghanim, 4th Floor, Mecca Street, in front of Annod Complex, Fahaheel, Kuwait: Tel. No. 22909229 ( e-mail: indiavisa.kuwait@ckgs.com). (c) Jleeb Al Showaikh (Abbasiya) 2nd Floor,Jleeb Al Shuyoukh Block 1,Street 1, Xcite building, Kuwait Tel. No. 24342428) ( e-mail: indiavisa.kuwait@ckgs.com). The website of CKGS, Kuwait is <http://www.kw.ckgs.in/>

4. In emergency cases, the Embassy will accept the visa applications directly at its Visa Wing from applicants. Applicants may also call the Embassy for any visa related query at Tel. No. 22550600 Extn. 279 or call Mr. K.K. Pahel, First Secretary (Consular) at Mobile No. 97229948.

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