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The British Business Group in Jeddah has been in existence for over twenty years, and during that time it has been of great assistance to its members, the British Consulate's Trade Section and British exporters in the UK.

The aims and objectives of the BBG are primarily to further British business interests in the region and in doing so we provide an active business and social forum for members to meet, exchange ideas and contacts, learn about activities related to current business issues or projects and keep abreast of changes in Saudi business regulations.

We also provide information to our members through monthly speaker meetings, interaction with prominent Saudi businessmen, surveys of the membership on topical business issues and a monthly newsletter containing Consular trade news and legal updates. In this way we are able to maximize information flow between members, the Saudi Arabian business community and the Consulate.

The BBG keeps in touch with other Business Groups across the Kingdom and within the Gulf region by annual meetings at which current issues are debated, with specialist speakers invited to contribute. These forums are attended by Committee members and information emanating from these meetings is distributed to BBG members.

Membership fluctuates between 200 and 300 – expatriates frequently move in and out of the Kingdom – and most meetings are attended by around 40-50 members. Full Membership is open to British Passport holders, resident in the Jeddah conurbation and holding their own Iqama. In addition, Affiliate Membership is open to non-British passport holders, resident in the Jeddah conurbation and holding their own Iqama, who can demonstrate that their business activities further British interests. A third category, Visiting Member, is open to British Passport holders who regularly visit Jeddah. Please note that all categories of membership are open, equally, to men and women who meet the other criteria.

Social activities include an annual sports competition against the American Businessmen of Jeddah, with an associated Ball, a "State of the Nation" Ball, usually held just before Christmas, and various other events are organised where members can introduce their partners. These events are an important part of Jeddah social life, enjoyed by all concerned. New BBG members are also invited to a free social evening at the Consulate.

Membership details and application forms are available from the BBG secretariat at the address alongside.

If you have any questions or you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact either me, or the BBG Secretariat, at the numbers given.

Nasir Pasha, Chairman