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THEN AND NOW:

Ghayath got his BA in Civil Engineering from the Ain Chamas University in Egypt and thereupon commenced his professional practice as a Civil Engineer. He had his primary school education in Broumana High Sigh School. He completed his secondary education from the International College in Beirut, Lebanon, and proceeded to obtain a Civil Engineering Diploma [a two-year study course] from the Braunschweig University in Germany.

Ghayath is a veteran practitioner of civil engineering and real estate development with emphasis on Egypt and Lebanon. He has demonstrated strong entrepreneurial spirit by strategic alliances and technology initiatives most notably the design, development, and implementation of landmark civil constructions.

The outstanding accomplishments in the real estate development and construction and in business ventures are listed below

- 1970 Establishment of a Textile Factory in Tange, Morocco
- 1974 Setting up of the Flour Mill in Ghana, the biggest of its kind in Africa
- 1975 Founding the ITT Industries Inc. representative office for servicing Egypt, Syria, and Lebanon. On the sale of ITT Europe to the MATRA S.A, the French company, Ghayath continued being the representative for ITT Matra for services coverage of Egypt, Syria, and Lebanon.
- 1982 Founding the organization styled ICC Matra in Egypt for Contracting and Supply of Matra Company's equipment and products

- 1982 Founding the organization styled Intros Company to perform the Renovation of Construction of hotels and resorts in Egypt. Prestigious renovation and construction projects, among others, are the Mina House Hotel, Sheraton Tower and Safir Hotel in Cairo, and the Ain El Soukhnah Resort.

- 1999 Setting up the organization for Intros Professional practice in Lebanon. Entered into joint ventures with the holding company - Egyptian Public Sector for Construction activities and representing the Egyptian Medical Public Sector Factories [Holding Company]

RESIDENCE AND TRAVEL BACKGROUND

Ghayath has had short periods of residence in the following countries:

- 1959 Germany
- 1970: Tange in Morocco
- 1974 Ghana
- 1975 France
- 1982 Egypt

NATIONAL HONOURS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN PUBLIC LIFE

In 1972 Ghayath El-Rifai was appointed the Honorary Consul of Haiti in Egypt. In recognition of meritorious work and contributions to social welfare, Ghayath was conferred the French Legion of Honor and also the Lebanese Legion of Honor. In 2001 Ghayath Rifai was elected as Vice President of the Egyptian Lebanese Businessmen Friendship Association.

PERSONAL

Ghayath is married and lives with his wife and two children in Beirut, Lebanon.