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To: All Registered Surveyors

LAND SURVEYORS (AMENDMENT) ACT 2004 AND CONSEQUENTIAL RULES COMING INTO OPERATION ON 31.3.2005

The Land Surveyors (Amendment) Act 2004 (Cap 156) comes into operation on 31.3.05. Under the amendment Act, related and consequential amendments are also made to the Boundaries and Survey Maps Act (Cap 25), the Land Titles Act (Cap. 157) and the Land Titles (Strata) Act (Cap. 158).

2 The main amendments to the Land Surveyors Act are:

- (a) The legislation for Approved Assistant Surveyors (AAS) employed by registered surveyors is abolished. Details are in LSB Circular No. 2/2005. The AAS will be called "assistant" who is required to be authorised by the Chief Surveyor to conduct cadastral surveys.
- (b) The functions of the Chief Surveyor and the President of LSB are separated. The number of LSB Members is increased from 6 to not more than 7 of which 3 are selected from a list of 4 submitted by the Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers (SISV). All LSB Members will be appointed by the Minister. The President will be appointed from among the registered surveyors.
- (c) The Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programme shall be one of the conditions for renewal of practising certificate by registered surveyor. Details are in LSB Circular No. 3/2005.
- (d) For application of practising certificate, the restriction that the applicant must be resident in Singapore is abolished. The fee is revised.
- (e) For application of a licence, certain restrictions on the multi-discipline limited / unlimited corporations or partnerships are amended or abolished. The fee is revised.
Details on (d) and (e) are in LSB Circular No. 4/2005.
- (f) A new practical subject Land Lot Survey is made to replace the Open Lot Survey and Built on Lot Survey. The fee for the examination subject is revised. Details are in LSB Circular No. 5/2005.
- (g) For the purposes of any investigation, the Board may appoint legal counsel for any hearing or appeal and pay him remuneration.

- (h) Where the order under Section 30 or 32 of the Act is made, the Board may order the registered surveyor, corporation or partnership to pay for the cost incurred by the Board.
- (i) Part IX of the principal Act on the conduct of cadastral surveys is repealed. The conduct of cadastral surveys is moved to the Boundaries and Survey Maps Act (BSMA) and under the purview of the Chief Surveyor. The Land Surveyors (Conduct of Cadastral Surveys) Rules 2000 is revoked and the Boundaries and Survey Maps (Conduct of Cadastral Surveys) Rules 2005 is made operational.

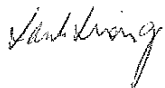
3 The Chief Surveyor will be issuing CS Circulars on matters arising from the related and consequential amendments to BSMA.

4 The following rules are made operational on 31.3.05:

- (a) Land Surveyors (Approved Assistant Surveyors) (Revocation) Rules 2005.
- (b) Land Surveyors (Conduct of Cadastral Surveys) (Revocation) Rules 2005.
- (c) Land Surveyors (Singapore Land Authority Fees) (Revocation) Rules 2005.
- (d) Land Surveyors (Amendment) Rules 2005.
- (e) Boundaries and Survey Maps (Singapore Land Authority Fees) 2005;
- (f) Boundaries and Survey Maps (Conduct of Cadastral Surveys) Rules 2005.
- (g) Land Titles (Strata) Regulations 2005.
- (h) Land Titles (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2005.

5 The Commencement Notification for the amendment Act and the above rules were published in the e-gazette on 29.3.05 and posted on the website: <http://www.egazette.com.sg/egazette>.

6 Registered Surveyors are to be familiar and comply with the amendments to the respective Acts and the rules where applicable.



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