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To: All Registered Surveyors

LAND SURVEYORS (AMENDMENT) ACT 2007 AND RELATED AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES

The Land Surveyors (Amendment) Act 2007 (Cap 156) comes into operation on 2 May 2007 and makes related and consequential amendments to the Land Surveyors Rules, Land Surveyors (Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics) Rules and Land Surveyors (Investigation Committees) Rules.

- 2 I wish to bring to your attention the main technical and minor amendments and new provisions in the Act and Rules:
- (a) Providing for the licensing of limited liability partnerships (LLP) will allow registered surveyors another form of corporate structure to supply survey services;
- (b) Requiring a candidate who has passed the Board examinations to pass a professional interview conducted by the Board before he can apply for registration. This is to determine whether the candidate has the aptitude and knowledge to enable him to effectively perform or engage in survey work in Singapore;
- (c) Requiring each allied professional to have in force a practicing certificate to be in line with Professional Engineers Act and Architects Act;
- (d) Deleting Section 17(4) of the Act as requirements to grant licences to a corporation or partnership are already covered under previous sub-sections;
- (e) Deleting the condition of a registered surveyor who has not renewed his practicing certificate for a continuous period of not less than 10 years from removal from register of surveyors and practitioners. The 10-year period is no more relevant as a registered surveyor must obtain the requisite CPD units before he can practise each year; and
- (f) Rule 12(4) of the Land Surveyors (Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics) Rules prohibits a registered surveyor to "use the influence of a salaried position to direct clients to another practicing registered surveyor, or a licensed corporation or partnership or other surveying firm or office in which he has financial interest". This rule is amended by deleting the words "or other surveying firm or office in which he has financial interest".

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