

# Land Surveyors Board Singapore

Annual Report 2006

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Appendix A List Of Registered Surveyors & Practitioners

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#### 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Land Surveyors Board is constituted under the Land Surveyors Act (Chapter 156). The Act includes provisions for:
  - (a) the registration of surveyors who provide survey services in Singapore;
  - (b) the issue of annual practising certificates to registered surveyors;
  - (c) the licensing of corporations and multi-discipline partnerships which intend to engage in survey work in Singapore; and
  - (d) the appointment of Investigation Committees by the Board to investigate complaints against registered surveyors or licensed corporations and partnerships.

#### 2 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

2.1 The members of the Board were as follows:

President - Mr Soh Kheng Peng
[Appointed by the Minister under Section 4(2)(a) with effect from 1 Jun 2005]

Mr Tang Tuck Kim [Nominee of the Singapore Institute of Surveyors & Valuers (SISV) and appointed by the Minister under Section 4(2)(b) with effect from 1 Jun 2005]

Mr See Seng Guan [Nominee of the Singapore Institute of Surveyors & Valuers (SISV) and appointed by the Minister under Section 4(2)(b) with effect from 1 Jun 2005] Dr Tor Yam Khoon [Nominee of the Singapore Institute of Surveyors & Valuers (SISV) and appointed by the Minister under Section 4(2)(b) with effect from 1 Jun 2005]

Mr Khoo Hock Soon Victor [Appointed by the Minister under Section 4(2)(c) with effect from 1 Jun 2005]

Mr Foo Chow Heng Kenny
[Appointed by the Minister under Section 4(2)(c) with effect from 1 Jun 2005]

Mr Tan Choo Haw [Appointed by the Minister under Section 4(2)(c) with effect from 1 Jun 2005]

#### 3 FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD

- 3.1 The functions of the Board include:
  - to keep and maintain a register of surveyors, an annual register of practitioners, an annual register of licensees;
  - to hold such examinations as the Board considers necessary for the purpose of enabling persons to qualify for registration as registered surveyors;
  - to consider and approve applications for registration of surveyors or any such applications subject to such restrictions as it may think fit to impose;
  - (d) to establish, maintain and develop the standard of professional conduct and ethics of the land surveying professional;

- (e) to promote learning and education in connection with the profession of land surveying;
- (f) to hear and determine disputes relating to professional conduct or ethics of registered surveyors, licensed corporations or partnerships;
- (g) to appoint arbitrators for the purpose of hearing and determining disputes between registered surveyors, licensed corporations or partnerships and other persons; and
- (h) to license corporations and partnerships which supply survey services in Singapore.

#### 4 STAFF

4.1 The Board appointed Mr George Chuah as the Registrar, and Ms Janet Koh as the Assistant Registrar on part-time basis.

#### 5 MEETINGS

5.1 The Board held 9 meetings in 2006.

#### 6 REGISTRATION

#### 6.1 <u>Registered Surveyors</u>

As on 31 Dec 2006, the number of registered surveyors was 95. Among them, 26 were with Statutory Boards and institutions of higher learning and 69 were in the private sector. The list of registered surveyors is at Appendix A.

#### 7 PRACTISING CERTIFICATES

7.1 During the year, the Board issued 68 practising certificates to registered surveyors as listed in Appendix A. With the non-renewal from 2 registered surveyors, first-time applications from 5 registered surveyors and 1 unsuccessful application, the number of practitioners remained the same at 68 as in 2005.

## 8 LICENCE FOR MULTI-DISCIPLINE AND CORPORATE PRACTICE

8.1 During the year, the Board issued seven licences to corporations under Section 17 of the Land Surveyors Act.

#### 9 COMMITTEES

#### 9.1 Examinations Committee

9.1.1 The 16<sup>th</sup> Examinations Committee was appointed with effect from 1 Sep 2004 for a period of 2 years. The constitution of the Committee was:

Dr Tor Yam Khoon - Chairman Mr Teo Oon Hock - Member

Mr Hwang Haut Eng - Member, nominee of the

Singapore Institute o Surveyors & Valuers.

9.1.2 The Examinations Committee reviewed the Board examination papers for the August 2006 Examinations. The Committee also reviewed and revised the Instructions to Candidate and the Guidelines to Examiner for Practical Subjects.

- 9.2 <u>LSB Directives Review Committee To Review the LSB Directive On Engineering & Hydrographic Survey Practices</u>
- 9.2.1 The constitution of the Committee was:

Mr Tan Choo Haw - Chairman Mr Toh Keng Yew - Member Mr Wee Soon Kiang - Member

Dr Tor Yam Khoon - Member, nominee of the

Singapore Institute of Surveyors & Valuers.

- 9.2.2 The LSB Directives on Engineering & Hydrographic Survey Practices is available in LSB website (http://www.minlaw.gov.sg/lsb).
- 9.2.3 During the year, the Committee reviewed the Directives arising from feedback from registered surveyors.
- 9.3 Committee on Continuing Professional Development
- 9.3.1 The constitution of the Committee was:

Mr Richard Ho - Chairman

Mr Lee Li Chuan & - Member, nominee of the

Singapore Institute of Surveyors & Valuers

Mr Ang Phar Teng - Member, nominee of the

Singapore Institute & Surveyors & Valuers

9.3.2 The Board appointed SISV as its managing agent to administer and implement the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programmes. A CPD Accreditation Panel was formed on a 3-year term with effect from 2 Apr 2005.

#### 9.3.3 CPD Accreditation Panel

Mr Lee Li Chuan - Chairman Mr Richard Ho - Member

Mr Ian Ong Kah Chai - Member, nominee of the

Singapore Institute of Surveyors & Valuers

Dr. Tor Yam Khoon - Member, nominee of the

Singapore Institute of Surveyors & Valuers

9.3.4 During the year, the Panel reviewed and recommended increasing the minimum number that a registered surveyor is required to obtain from 20 to 30 CPD units, including at least 20 units from successfully completing survey-related activities, for renewal of practising certificate. The Board accepted and implemented the recommendation.

#### 10 EXAMINATIONS

- 10.1 The Board conducted the written and practical examinations in August 2006.
- 10.2 The results of the examinations were as follows:

Subject	Number of Candidates	Passed	Withdrawn / Absent	Failed
Written:				
Cadastral Law	1	1	0	0
Practical:				
(a) Land Lot Survey	2	0	0	2

(b) Open Lot Survey	0	0	0	0
(c) Built-on Lot Survey	0	0	0	0
(d) Strata Survey	3	1	0	2

10.3 During the year, 1 candidate fully completed the examinations prescribed by the Board.

#### 11 REVIEW OF LAND SURVEYORS ACT AND RULES

- 11.1 The Board conducted a review of the Land Surveyors Act.
- 11.2 The main draft changes to the legislation were on amendments relating to the provision for limited liability partnership for registered surveyors, requiring a candidate who has passed the Board examinations to pass a professional interview conducted by the Board before he can apply for registration and the consequential and related amendments to the Boundaries and Survey Maps Act, Land Surveyors Rules, Land Surveyors (Investigation Committees) Rules and Land Surveyors (Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics) Rules.
- 11.2 The Amendment Act is expected to come into operation in May 2007.

#### 12 LAND SURVEYORS BOARD CIRCULARS

12.1 During the year, the Board issued 4 circulars.

## 13 LSB DIRECTIVES ON ENGINEERING AND HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY PRACTICES

13.1 The LSB Directives Review Committee carried out a third review of the LSB Directives on Engineering and Hydrographic Survey Practices. The latest review was initiated to incorporate a new section on Gazette Notification, GPS RTK, and Deformation Survey into the Directives. The revision is expected to be completed by Mar 2007.

#### 14 MEETING WITH OTHER SURVEYORS BOARDS

- 14.1 The Board attended the 22<sup>nd</sup> Joint Surveyors Boards Meeting from 3 to 6 August 2006 in Kuching, Sarawak. Delegates from Brunei Surveyors Board, Land Surveyors Board Peninsular Malaysia, Land Surveyors Board Sarawak, Sabah Surveyors Board, and Land Surveyors Board Singapore attended the meeting.
- 14.2 The meeting discussed professional and technical matters, and shared experiences.

#### 15 ASEAN FLAG

15.1 The Board's representative to the ASEAN FLAG Council, Mr Tan Choo Haw attended the 25<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting held on 10 April 2006 in Kunming and the 27<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting held on 30 Jan 2007 in Shanghai.

#### 16 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

16.1 The Financial Statements of Accounts for the year ended 31 Dec 2006 is at Appendix B.

#### LIST OF REGISTERED SURVEYORS AS ON 31.12.2006 APPENDIX A

S/N	REGISTERED SURVEYOR	S/N	REGISTERED SURVEYOR
*1	Ang Kim Tee	*49	Loi Hwee Yong
*2	Ang Phar Teng	50	Loi Poh Mun
*3	Ang Soo Cheng	*51	Low Lee Luang
4	Aw York Bin	52	Low Oon Song
*5	Chai Kok Vui Christopher	*53	Maik Seck Hoe
6	Chan Eng Jeow Francis	*54	Mak Weng Tat
7	Chan Fook Onn	55	N Rameswaram
*8	Cheah Phi Teik	*56	Ng See Yong
*9	Chia Aik Kok	57	Ong Ban Soon
*10	Chng Teong Eam	*58	Ong Kah Chai lan
*11	Chua Keng Guan	*59	Ong Lok Ping
12	Foo Chow Heng Kenny	*60	Ong Wan Lye
*13	Foo Jong Kan	*61	Pang Choon Chew
14	G S Senan	*62	Paul James O'Connor
*15	Goh Chin Cheng	*63	Peh Cheng Kiat
16	Goh Pong Chai	*64	Quah Kee Soo
*17	Goh Soo Hang	*65	Quah Yong Lok
*18	Goh Swee Cheh	*66	See Seng Guan
*19	Goh Woei Lih	67	Soh Kheng Peng
20	Ho Chee Phen Richard	*68	Suey Hueh King
*21	Ho Kim Swee	*69	Tan Boon Teck
*22	Huang Mingzhi	*70	Tan Boong Ping
*23	Hwang Haut Eng	*71	Tan Choo Haw
*24	Khoo Chong Teik	72	Tan Chwee Hock Jimmy
25	Khoo Hock Soon Victor	*73	Tan Eng Fei
26	Koh Thong Sia	*74	Tan Eng Liang
27	Kwah Kheng Swee	*75	Tan Huck Jin
28	Kwah Kheng Swee  Kwoh Leong Keong	*76	Tan Sek Leng
*29	Lau Hua Peng	77	Tan Siew Siong
*30	Lee Boon Haw	*78	Tan Teck Khiam
31	Lee Eng Kwang	*79	Tang Tuck Kim
*32	Lee Eng Soon	80	Teo Chong Chai Patrick
*33	Lee Li Chuan	*81	Teo Hui Ying
*34	Lee Teck Kim Christopher	*82	Teo Oon Hock
*35	Lee Tong Soon	*83	Thiang Thian Kee
*36	Lee Tuck Onn	*84	Tiong Yong Kui
37	Leong Kai Weng	*85	Toh Keng Yew
*38	Leong Kin Weng	*86	Tor Yam Khoon
*39	Lew Hoi Thong	*87	Wang Yu Yung
			Wee Kee Hock
*40	Lew Tek Fart	88 *89	Wee Soon Kiang
41 *42	Lim Anthony		9
*42	Lim Chin Tian	*90	Wong Keng Chew
*43	Lim Loy Chin	*91	Yap Chee Ming Andrew
*44	Lim Pia Lian	*92	Yeoh Joo Pheng
45	Lim Teck Seng	*93	Yip Wan Kee
*46	Lim Thiam Hock	94	Yong Ser Joo
*47	Liu Nam Thiam	95	Yuen See Wah
*48	Loh Suat Yen		

<sup>\*</sup> with practising certificate

#### LAND SURVEYORS BOARD SINGAPORE

(Incorporated in Singapore)

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31 DECEMBER 2006

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AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF

LAND SURVEYORS BOARD SINGAPORE

司 (Incorporated in Singapore)

We have audited the financial statements of Land Surveyors Board Singapore for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006 as set out on pages 2 to 5. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Land Surveyors Board. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing. Those Standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion,

- (a) the financial statements are:
  - i. in compliance with the requirements of Singapore Financial Reporting Standards and give a true and fair view; and
  - ii. in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Land Surveyors Board as at 31 December 2006 and the results and cash flows of the Land Surveyors Board for the financial year ended on that date; and
- (b) the accounting and other records required by the Board Constitution to be kept by the Company have been properly kept in accordance with the provisions of the Board Constitution.

CASEY LIN & COMPANY Certified Public Accountants

Singapore,

115 MAY 2007

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#### **BALANCE SHEET - 31 DECEMBER 2006**

Note	2006	2005
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Fixed deposits	196,639	216,378
Interest receivable	3,503	1,997
Bank & cash balances	47,978	19,234
	248,120	237,609
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 248,120	\$ 237,609
RETAINED FUND		
Reserves		
Retained fund	225,525	216,109
	225,525	216,109
Current Liabilities		
Accruals	483	460
Application for Practising Cert in Advance	20,450	21,040
Consolidated fund	1,662	-
	22,595	21,500
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	\$ 248,120	\$ 237,609

Soh Kheng Peng

President

Chuah Kian Seng Registrar

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#### LAND SURVEYORS BOARD SINGAPORE

#### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

	NOTES	2006	2005
NIGOVE		\$	\$
INCOME:		20.200	11.000
Application & renewal fees for practising certificate Examination fees		20,200	14,000
Fixed deposits interest		1,100	4,550
Registration and renewal fees for Assistant Surveyors		4,570	2,556 8,600
Application for registration & certificate of registration fees		400	3,400
Fees for licensing of corporation		4,000	3,100
Other income			665
Joint projects with SISV		2,706	-
		33,816	36,871
LESS: EXPENSES			
Auditors' remuneration		100	400
		400	400
Asean Flag Council Meeting		919	1,737
Conference expenses with other surveyors board		7,416	7,956
Insurance		2,730	2,940
Examiners' fee		1,185	2,875
Expenses for board meetings		150	829
Expenses for attending other meetings		685	-
Subscription		109	109
Miscellaneous		1,759	4,444
Honorarium		7,200	9,270
Postage & stamps		9	59
General expenses		23	-
Printing & stationery		153	336
Total Expenses		(22,738)	(30,955)
Surplus of income over expenditure		11,078	5,916

Soh Kheng Peng President Chuah Kian Seng Registrar

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#### LAND SURVEYORS BOARD SINGAPORE

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

	Retained		
	<u>Note</u>	Fund	Total
		\$	\$
Balance at 31.12.2004		210,193	210,193
Surplus for the year		5,916	5,916
Balance at 31.12.2005		216,109	216,109
Surplus for the year		11,078	11,078
Contribution to the consolidated fund (w.e.f. 01.04.2006)	4	(1,662)	(1,662)
Balance at 31.12.2006		\$ 225,525	\$ 225,525

Soh Kheng Peng

President

Chuah Kian Seng

Registrar

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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – 31 DECEMBER 2006

These notes form an integral part of, and should be read in conjunction with the accompanying financial statements.

#### 1. General

The principal activities of the Board as constituted under the Land Surveyors Act are to register and control land surveyors conducting surveys and for matters connected therewith. There have been no significant changes in the nature of these activities during the financial year.

Its registered office is c/o Singapore Land Authority, 8 Shenton Way, #26-01 Temasek Tower, Singapore 068811.

#### 2. Significant Accounting Policies

#### (a) Accounting Convention

The financial statements, expressed in Singapore dollars, are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention.

#### (b) Interest Income Recognition

Interest income is recognised upon the maturity of fixed deposit.

#### 3. Taxation

Land Surveyors Board Singapore is exempted from income tax under First Schedule of Income Tax Act Cap. 156.

#### 4. Consolidated Fund

Under the statutory board contribution framework set out in Finance Circular Minute No. M4/2003, started from 01 April 2006, all statutory boards generating accounting surplus are required to contribute 20% of accounting surplus to the Consolidated Fund annually.

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