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An Act to establish the Science Centre Board and for purposes incidental thereto.

[25 September 1970: Except section 23;
1 April 1972: Section 23]

Short title

1. This Act is the Science Centre Act 1970.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“Board” means the Science Centre Board established under section 3;

“Chairperson” means the Chairperson of the Board appointed under section 4 and includes any temporary Chairperson so appointed;

“chief executive” means the chief executive of the Board, and includes any individual acting in that capacity;

“Deputy Chairperson” means the Deputy Chairperson of the Board appointed under section 4 and includes any temporary Deputy Chairperson so appointed;

“financial year” means a period of 12 months beginning on 1 April in any year;

“Science Centre” means the Science Centre established under section 5.

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Establishment of Science Centre Board

3.—(1) A body corporate called the Science Centre Board is established in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

(2) The Board —

(a) has perpetual succession;

(b) must have a common seal; and

(c) may, subject to the provisions of this Act —

(i) acquire, hold and dispose of property, both movable and immovable;

(ii) enter into contracts;

(iii) sue and be sued in its corporate name; and

(iv) perform any other acts that bodies corporate may by law perform.

Constitution of Board

4.—(1) The Board consists of the following persons, all of whom must be appointed by the Minister:

- (a) a Chairperson;
- (b) a Deputy Chairperson; and
- (c) not less than 7 but not more than 15 other members.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the members of the Board hold office for such term and subject to such conditions as the Minister may determine.

(3) The Minister may appoint any person to be a temporary member of the Board during the temporary incapacity from illness or otherwise, or during the temporary absence from Singapore, of any member of the Board.

(4) The Minister may appoint any member of the Board to be a temporary Chairperson or temporary Deputy Chairperson during the temporary incapacity from illness or otherwise, or during the temporary absence from Singapore, of the Chairperson or the Deputy Chairperson, as the case may be.

(5) The Minister may, at any time, accept the resignation of any member of the Board.

(6) The Minister may, at any time, revoke the appointment of the Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson and any other member of the Board.

(7) The Board may act despite any vacancy in its membership.

Duties of Board

5. It is the duty of the Board to establish and maintain a Science Centre for the purpose of —

- (a) exhibiting objects illustrative of the physical sciences, life sciences, applied sciences, technology and industry; and
- (b) promoting the dissemination of knowledge in science and technology.