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COMMON SERVICES TUNNELS ACT 2018

(No. 17 of 2018)

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I assent.



HALIMAH YACOB,
President.
11 April 2018.

An Act to establish common services tunnel areas and for the regulation of activities within or connected with common services tunnel areas to ensure the safe and efficient operation and functionality of any common services tunnel and any ancillary facility of the common services tunnel, and for connected purposes.

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

PART 1
PRELIMINARY

Short title and commencement

1. This Act is the Common Services Tunnels Act 2018 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

Interpretation

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

“ancillary facility”, in relation to a common services tunnel,
means —

- (a) any electrical substation, electrical switch room, generator set room or control centre used for the purposes of the common services tunnel; and
- (b) any ancillary structure;

“ancillary structure”, in relation to a common services tunnel,
means —

- (a) any entrance to or exit from the common services tunnel;
- (b) any passage, corridor or stairway connecting an entrance to or exit from the common services tunnel;
- (c) any ventilation opening, duct or shaft necessary for the operation or functioning of the common services tunnel; and
- (d) any supporting physical structure necessary for the operation or functioning of the common services tunnel;

“authorised officer” means an authorised officer appointed under section 5(1);

“authorised person” has the meaning given in section 9(7);

“common services tunnel” or “CST” means a system of underground concrete structures within a common services

tunnel area used or intended to be used for the purpose of the housing and distribution of utility services to land within and outside the area;

“common services tunnel area” or “CST area” means an area declared as a common services tunnel area under section 6;

“Common Services Tunnels Authority” or “CST Authority”, in relation to any provision of this Act or CST area, means —

(a) any CST Authority appointed under section 4 to be responsible for the administration of that provision; and

(b) if different CST Authorities are appointed under section 4 for different CST areas, the CST Authority appointed for that CST area;

“entrance” or “exit”, in relation to a common services tunnel, includes a manhole leading to or from, as the case may be, the common services tunnel;

“land” includes buildings, premises, easements and hereditaments of any tenure;

“occupier” means a person in occupation of any land and includes the person having the charge, management or control of the land either on his or her own account or as an agent of another person;

“private land” means any land other than public land;

“public authority” means a body established or constituted by or under a public Act to perform or discharge a public function;

“public land” means any of the following land, whether publicly accessible or not:

(a) State land;

(b) common property or open space vested in or under the care, control or management of the Housing and Development Board established under the Housing and Development Act (Cap. 129) or a Town Council