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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 11 September 2017 and assented to by the President on 3 October 2017:—

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No. 36 of 2017.

I assent.



HALIMAH YACOB,

President.
3 October 2017.

An Act to amend the Professional Engineers Act (Chapter 253 of the 1992 Revised Edition).

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

Short title and commencement

1. This Act is the Professional Engineers (Amendment) Act 2017 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

Amendment of long title

2. The long title to the Professional Engineers Act (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended by deleting the words "professional engineers and to regulate corporations, partnerships and limited liability partnerships" and substituting the words "persons that carry out professional engineering work, and to regulate corporations, partnerships, limited liability partnerships and limited partnerships".

- 3. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended
 - (a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "Disciplinary Committee", the following definition:
 - ""foreign engineer" means any person who is authorised to carry out professional engineering work in a country or territory outside Singapore under the law of that country or territory;";
 - (b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "licensed", the following definition:
 - ""licensed professional engineering practice" means
 - (a) a limited corporation licensed under section 20(1);
 - (b) an unlimited corporation licensed under section 20(2);
 - (c) a partnership licensed under section 20(3); or
 - (d) a limited liability partnership licensed under section 20(4);";

- (c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "limited liability partnership", the following definition:
 - ""limited partnership" means a limited partnership registered under the Limited Partnerships Act (Cap. 163B);";
- (d) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "nominee", the following definition:
 - ""partnership" includes a limited partnership;";
- (e) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "practising certificate", the following definition:
 - ""prescribed branch of professional engineering work" means professional engineering work in any of the following branches of engineering:
 - (a) chemical engineering;
 - (b) civil engineering;
 - (c) electrical engineering;
 - (d) mechanical engineering;
 - (e) such other branches of engineering as may be prescribed;"; and
- (f) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "rules", the following definition:
 - ""specialist professional engineer" means a person registered under section 15A as a specialist professional engineer;".

- **4.** Section 4 of the principal Act is amended
 - (a) by deleting the words "for not more than 2 consecutive terms" in subsection (7); and

- (b) by inserting, immediately after subsection (7), the following subsection:
 - "(7A) However, a person is ineligible for re-election to office as a member under subsection (2)(c) if the re-election would result in the person holding office as a member for 3 consecutive terms."

Amendment of section 4B

- **5.** Section 4B of the principal Act is amended
 - (a) by deleting the words "for not more than 2 consecutive terms" in subsection (2); and
 - (b) by inserting, immediately after subsection (2), the following subsection:
 - "(3) However, a person is ineligible for re-election as the President under subsection (1) if the re-election would result in the person holding office as the President for 3 consecutive terms."

- **6.** Section 6 of the principal Act is amended
 - (a) by deleting paragraph (a) and substituting the following paragraph:
 - "(a) to keep and maintain every register mentioned in section 8(1);";
 - (b) by deleting paragraph (e) and substituting the following paragraph:
 - "(e) to promote learning and education in connection with engineering and the development of professional engineering, either alone or in conjunction with any other person;"; and

(c) by inserting, immediately after the words "professional engineering services" in paragraph (g), the words "relating to any of the prescribed branches of professional engineering work".

Amendment of section 7

7. Section 7(1) of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words "or allied professionals" and substituting the words ", allied professionals or such other persons".

Amendment of section 8

- **8.** Section 8(1) of the principal Act is amended
 - (a) by deleting the word "and" at the end of paragraph (c); and
 - (b) by deleting paragraph (d) and substituting the following paragraphs:
 - "(d) a register of licensees containing the names of all licensed professional engineering practices and such other particulars as may be determined by the Board; and
 - (e) a register containing the names and any other particulars as may be determined by the Board, of all foreign engineers authorised under section 10(1)(c)."

- 9. Section 10 of the principal Act is amended
 - (a) by deleting subsection (1) and substituting the following subsection:
 - "(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, a person must not, in Singapore, engage in any of the prescribed branches of professional engineering work, or draw or prepare any plan, sketch, drawing, design, specification or other document relating to any of the prescribed branches of professional engineering work, unless the person —