Land Acquisition (Amendment) Act 2007 (No. 19 of 2007)

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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 11th April 2007 and assented to by the President on 27th April 2007:—

LAND ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) ACT 2007

(No. 19 of 2007)

I assent.

J Y PILLAY, President. Person exercising the Functions of the President. 27th April 2007.

Date of Commencement: 7th May 2007

An Act to amend the Land Acquisition Act (Chapter 152 of the 1985 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 may be cited as the Land Acquisition (Amendment) Act 2007 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the Land Acquisition Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act)

is amended —

- (*a*) by deleting the words "or a statutory tenant under the Control of Rent Act" in the definition of "person interested" in subsection (1);
- (b) by deleting the marginal reference "Cap. 58." in the definition of "person interested" in subsection (1);
- (c) by inserting, at the end of subsection (2)(a), the word "and"; and
- (d) by deleting paragraph (b) of subsection (2).

Amendment of section 3

3. Section 3(1) of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words "his servants and workmen" and substituting the words "any person authorised in writing by that officer".

Amendment of section 4

4. Section 4(1) of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after the words "that section", the words "or person authorised in writing by that officer".

Repeal and re-enactment of section 7

5. Section 7 of the principal Act is repealed and the following section substituted therefor:

"Plan of land to be acquired

7.—(1) Where less than the whole of any land in which a person is interested is to be acquired, and there is no plan sufficient to identify the part of the land to be acquired from the records of the Registry of Deeds or the Land Titles Registry of the Singapore Land Authority, the Collector shall, so far as is practicable, prepare a plan that is sufficient to identify the part of the land to be acquired from the records of the Registry, as the case may be.

(2) Subsection (1) shall not apply if the part of the land to be acquired has already been marked out under section 3.".

Amendment of section 8

6. Section 8 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by deleting subsection (2) and substituting the following subsection:

"(2) The Collector shall also serve notice to the same effect on —(a) every person known or believed to be interested in

the land and who —

- (i) is resident within Singapore; or
- (ii) is resident outside Singapore at an address that is ascertainable after reasonable inquiry; or
- (b) any person known or believed to be entitled to act for a person so interested and who —
 - (i) resides, or is authorised to receive service on behalf of the person so interested, within Singapore; or
 - (ii) resides, or is authorised to receive service on behalf of the person so interested, outside Singapore at an address that is ascertainable after reasonable inquiry."; and
- (b) by deleting the word "made" in subsection (3)(b)(ii) and substituting the words "in any plan prepared".

Amendment of section 10

7. Section 10 (1) of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words "to the measurements made under section 7" and substituting the words "to any plan prepared under section 7 (if any)".

Amendment of section 18

8. Section 18 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words "section 126 (2) of that Act, an instrument of acquisition in the prescribed form" in the 3rd and 4th lines of paragraph (b) and substituting the words "section 143 (2) of that Act, an instrument of acquisition".

Amendment of section 23

9. Section 23 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words "in quintuplicate" in subsection (1)(a) and (c) and substituting in each case the words "in duplicate";
- (b) by deleting the words "the deposit" in subsection (1)(b) and substituting the words "the Collector to deposit"; and