Monetary Authority of Singapore (Amendment) Act 2003 (No. 24 of 2003)

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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 10th November 2003 and assented to by the President on 28th November 2003:—

MONETARY AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE (AMENDMENT) ACT 2003

(No. 24 of 2003)

I assent.

S R NATHAN

President.
28th November 2003.

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Date of Commencement: 1st January 2004

An Act to amend the Monetary Authority of Singapore Act (Chapter 186 of the 1999 Revised Edition) and to make related and consequential amendments to certain other written laws.

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 Monetary Authority of Singapore (Amendment) Act 2003 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 Monetary Authority of Singapore Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended by deleting the full-stop at the end of the definition of "managing director" and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following definitions:
 - ""money market operations" means any transaction undertaken by the Authority as the central bank to manage liquidity in the banking system;
 - "officer", in relation to the Authority, includes any person employed by the Authority in an executive capacity.".

Amendment of section 6

- **3.** Section 6 of the principal Act is amended
 - (a) by deleting the words "as are usually provided for by banks" in subsection (2) and substituting the words "or purposes as the Authority may determine"; and
 - (b) by deleting subsection (3) and substituting the following subsections:
 - "(3) Subject to subsection (4), such part of the net profit for each financial year as the Authority may determine shall be paid to the Government and the remainder of the net profit, if any, shall be credited to the General Reserve Fund.
 - (3A) Notwithstanding subsection (3), the Authority may pay to the Government such amount from the General Reserve Fund over and above the net profit, if any, as the Authority may determine.".

Amendment of section 9

- **4.** Section 9 of the principal Act is amended
 - (a) by inserting, immediately after the words "done by the Authority" in subsection (3), the words "under this Act or any other written law"; and
 - (b) by inserting, immediately after subsection (5), the following subsections:
 - "(6) The managing director may, subject to such terms and conditions as he thinks fit, appoint any officer or employee of the Authority, or form any committee comprising officers or employees of the Authority or both, to exercise any of his powers or perform any of his functions or duties conferred or imposed upon him by virtue of subsection (3), and that officer, employee or committee

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shall exercise those powers or perform those functions or duties under the direction and control of the managing director.

- (7) For the avoidance of doubt, the managing director
 - (a) shall remain responsible for any exercise of his powers or any performance of his functions or duties by any officer or employee appointed or by any committee formed under subsection (6); and
 - (b) may continue to exercise his powers or perform his functions or duties conferred or imposed upon him by virtue of subsection (3), notwithstanding the delegation of the power, function or duty under subsection (6)."

Amendment of section 12

- **5.** Section 12 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after subsection (2), the following subsection:
 - "(3) For the avoidance of doubt, a decision of the board may be made by way of a resolution passed by a simple majority of the directors by written or electronic means.".

New section 13A

6. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 13, the following section:

"Appointment of committees and delegation of powers

- 13A.—(1) The Authority may appoint from among its directors or other persons who are not directors such number of committees as it thinks fit for purposes which, in the opinion of the Authority, would be better regulated and managed by means of such committees.
- (2) The Authority may, subject to such conditions or restrictions as it thinks fit, delegate to any such committee or any director any of the powers, functions or duties of the Authority under this Act or any other written law, except the power of delegation conferred by this subsection and the power to make subsidiary legislation unless expressly provided under any written law.
- (3) Any power, function or duty delegated under subsection (2) may be exercised or performed by such committee or director, as the case may be, in the name and on behalf of the Authority.

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