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An Act to amend the Ngee Ann Kongsi (Incorporation) Ordinance (Chapter 370 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 Ngee Ann Kongsi (Incorporation) (Amendment) Act 2007 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of section 6

2. Section 6 of the Ngee Ann Kongsi (Incorporation) Ordinance (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “Eight Districts” in the last line of paragraph (d), the words “or by any person”; and
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the words “Eight Districts” in paragraph (f), the words “, or any community in Singapore,”.

Amendment of section 7

3. Section 7 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting subsections (1), (2) and (3) and substituting the following subsections:

“(1) The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Committee of Management.

(2) Each of the following persons shall *ex-officio* be and be entitled to act as a member of the Committee of Management (referred to in this Act as an *ex-officio* member) if he is eligible for membership of the Corporation, whether or not he is a member of the Corporation:

- (a) every Chinese Member of Parliament who is a

Teochew;

- (b) a representative of the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry who is a Teochew and is the President or a Vice-President of the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry;
- (c) a representative of the Singapore Teochew Poit Ip Huay Kuan who is the President or a Vice-President of the Singapore Teochew Poit Ip Huay Kuan; and
- (d) a representative of the family of the late Seah Eu Chin who is nominated by his descendants.

(3) The members of the Committee of Management (other than the *ex-officio* members and the first members of the Committee of Management referred to in section 8) shall comprise —

- (a) 20 persons elected from the members of the Corporation (each referred to in this Act as an elected member); and
- (b) not more than 5 persons co-opted by the Committee of Management from the members of the Corporation (each referred to in this Act as a co-opted member).”;

(b) by deleting subsection (5) and substituting the following subsections:

“(5) If any person entitled to act as an *ex-officio* member ceases to hold the public appointment or appointments specified in subsection (2) entitling him so to act —

- (a) he shall cease to be a member of the Committee of Management; and
- (b) any vacancy in the Committee of Management thereby created may be filled by another person who holds that public appointment, is eligible for membership of the Corporation and is elected by the Committee of Management.

(5A) If any person entitled to act as an *ex-officio* member is unable or refuses to accept appointment or to act as an *ex-officio* member —

- (a) he shall cease to be a member of the Committee of Management, notwithstanding that he may continue

to hold any public appointment specified in subsection (2); and

- (b) any vacancy in the Committee of Management thereby created may be filled by another person who holds that public appointment, is eligible for membership of the Corporation and is elected by the Committee of Management.”;

- (c) by deleting subsection (6) and substituting the following subsections:

“(6) Every elected member of the Committee of Management —

- (a) shall retire from office at the second Annual General Meeting of the Corporation held next after he became a member of the Committee of Management; but
- (b) shall be eligible for re-election, or to be co-opted by the Committee of Management appointed, at the Annual General Meeting of the Corporation at which he retires.

(6A) Every co-opted member of the Committee of Management —

- (a) shall retire from office at the Annual General Meeting of the Corporation at which the elected members of the Committee of Management which co-opted him retire from office under subsection (6)(a); but
- (b) shall be eligible for election, or to be co-opted by the Committee of Management appointed, at the Annual General Meeting of the Corporation at which he retires.”; and

- (d) by deleting the word “If” in the 1st line of subsection (9) and substituting the words “Subject to subsections (5) and (5A), if”.

Amendment of section 9

- 4. Section 9 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (5).

New sections 9A and 9B

- 5. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 9, the following sections:

“Honorary Past Presidents

9A.—(1) The Committee of Management may appoint one or more Honorary Past Presidents to serve as advisers to the Committee of Management.

(2) No person shall be eligible for appointment as an Honorary Past President unless he is —

- (a) a member of the Corporation; and
- (b) a former President of the Corporation.

(3) The term of office of an Honorary Past President shall end on the date on which the members of the Committee of Management (other than *ex-officio* members) which appointed him retire from office under section 7(6)(a) and (6A)(a).

(4) Every person who has been appointed as an Honorary Past President shall be eligible for reappointment.

Publication and advertisement of appointments

9B. The particulars of every appointment of an officer of the Corporation, a member of the Committee of Management, or an Honorary Past President, including the name, address and occupation of the person appointed, the date of the appointment, and the office to which the person was appointed, shall be —

- (a) published in the *Gazette* within 21 days after the date of the appointment; and
- (b) advertised in at least 2 issues of one Chinese daily newspaper circulating in Singapore.”.

Amendment of section 14

6. Section 14 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsections (2) and (3) and substituting the following subsections:

“(2) The Committee of Management shall serve a written notice of every General Meeting not less than 7 clear days before the day on which the General Meeting is to be held.

(3) The notice under subsection (2) shall be served on every member of the Corporation, and on every *ex-officio* member (not being a member of the Corporation), who has provided to the Corporation an address for service —

- (a) personally;