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An Act to establish the Agency for Science, Technology and Research and for matters connected therewith.

[11 January 1991]

Short title

1. This Act is the Agency for Science, Technology and Research Act 1990.

Interpretation

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

“Agency” means the Agency for Science, Technology and Research established under section 3;

“chief executive officer” means the chief executive of the Agency, and includes any individual acting in that capacity;

“commercial application”, in relation to any knowledge or technology, means the application, utilisation or exploitation of such knowledge or technology in the manufacture, production, sale, distribution or provision of goods or services in the course of any trade, business, enterprise or profession, and includes any business or commercial activity that is necessary for or related to the promotion, development or growth of any such trade, business, enterprise or profession;

“financial assistance” includes assistance by way of grant, loan, loan guarantee, the purchase or guarantee of bonds, debentures, notes or other debt obligations or the purchase or acquisition of any stock, shares or other equity securities;

“member” means a member of the Agency and includes the Chairperson.

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Establishment of Agency for Science, Technology and Research

3.—(1) A body called the Agency for Science, Technology and Research is established, which is a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and is by that name capable of —

- (a) suing and being sued;
- (b) acquiring, owning, holding and developing or disposing of property, both movable and immovable; and
- (c) doing and suffering such other acts or things as bodies corporate may lawfully do and suffer.

(2) The Agency may perform any of its functions or carry out any of its duties under the business name of A*STAR, or such other business name as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, specify.

Common seal

4.—(1) The Agency must have a common seal and such seal may be broken, altered or made anew as the Agency thinks fit.

(2) All deeds and other documents requiring the seal of the Agency must be sealed with the common seal of the Agency in the presence of, and be signed by —

- (a) the Chairperson or a Deputy Chairperson of the Agency; and
- (b) an employee of the Agency who is authorised by resolution or otherwise in writing (either generally or specially) to act in that behalf.

(3) Such signing is sufficient evidence that the common seal of the Agency has been duly and properly affixed and that the seal is the lawful common seal of the Agency.

(4) All courts, judges and persons acting judicially are to take judicial notice of the common seal of the Agency affixed to any document and presume that it was duly affixed.

(5) The Agency may, by resolution or otherwise in writing, appoint an employee of the Agency or any other agent (either generally or specially) to execute or sign on behalf of the Agency any agreement or other instrument not under seal in relation to any matter coming within the powers of the Agency.

(6) Section 11 of the Registration of Deeds Act 1988 does not apply to any instrument purporting to have been executed under subsection (2).