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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 9th April 2012 and assented to by the President on 15th May 2012:—

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**No. 10 of 2012.**

I assent.



TONY TAN KENG YAM,  
*President.*  
15th May 2012.

An Act to amend the Sewerage and Drainage Act (Chapter 294 of the 2001 Revised Edition) and to make a consequential amendment to the Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 2008 (Act 4 of 2008).

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 Sewerage and Drainage (Amendment) Act 2012 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

**Amendment of long title**

2. The long title to the Sewerage and Drainage Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended by deleting the words “and improvement” and substituting the words “, improvement, operation and use”.

**Amendment of section 2**

3. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by deleting the definition of “Board” and substituting the following definition:

“ “Board” means the Public Utilities Board continued under section 3 of the Public Utilities Act (Cap. 261);”;

(b) by deleting the word “and” at the end of paragraph (c) of the definition of “public sewerage system”;

(c) by inserting, at the end of paragraph (d) of the definition of “public sewerage system”, the word “and”, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraph:

“(e) sewerage systems owned or managed by the Board;”;

(d) by deleting the words “section 6(3) or 9(1)(b)” in the definition of “qualified person” and substituting the words “section 8 or 11”;

(e) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “qualified person”, the following definition:

“ “reclaimed water” means treated water which has been recovered from a public sewerage system;”;

(f) by deleting the words “and other appliances which connect, directly or otherwise, to a private sewage treatment plant or a public sewerage system” in the definition of “sanitary

appliances” and substituting the words “, bidets and other similar fixtures”; and

- (g) by deleting the definition of “sewerage system” and substituting the following definition:

“ “sewerage system” means a system of sewers, pumping stations, sewage treatment plants, sewage treatment works and water reclamation facilities for one or both of the following purposes:

(a) the collection, treatment and disposal of sewage;

(b) the recovery and treatment of water which is supplied to the Board or by the Board,

and includes any main or pipe carrying reclaimed water or sewage, outfall pipe, sanitary pipe, drain-line, grease trap, cesspit, holding tank for the temporary holding of sewage, septic tank, privy, and any part thereof;”.

### **Amendment of section 3**

4. Section 3 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after subsection (4), the following subsection:

“(5) The Board may, from time to time, appoint and authorise in writing any person to perform any particular function or duty or to exercise any particular power under this Act, subject to such conditions or limitations as the Board may specify.”.

### **Amendment of section 4**

5. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (3) and substituting the following subsection:

“(3) In carrying out any works under this section, the Board shall cause as little damage as possible, and shall make reasonable compensation for any damage done to any premises, street or building affected by those works.”.

### **Amendment of section 10**

6. Section 10 of the principal Act is amended —

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

“(2) The Board may, by notice in writing, require the owner of any premises referred to in subsection (1) to do one or both of the following at his own cost and expense:

- (a) to have the sewerage system inspected and tested in such manner and at such intervals as the Board may require, to ensure that the sewerage system is kept in good order;
  - (b) to alter, repair or put in good order the sewerage system in such manner as the Board may require.”;
- and

- (b) by inserting, immediately after subsection (4), the following subsection:

“(5) If the owner of any premises to which a sewerage system belongs or for the use of which it is maintained, fails to keep the sewerage system in proper order in contravention of subsection (1), he shall be guilty of an offence.”.

### **Amendment of section 11**

7. Section 11 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the word “No” in subsection (1) and substituting the words “Subject to subsection (5), no”; and
- (b) by deleting subsection (5) and substituting the following subsection:

“(5) This section shall not apply to —

- (a) the repair, replacement or removal of any existing sanitary facility in a building; or
- (b) the addition of any sanitary appliance within the existing sanitary facilities in a building.”.

### **Amendment of section 13**

8. Section 13 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (2) and substituting the following subsection:

“(2) In carrying out any inspection under this section, the authorised officer shall cause as little damage as possible, and the Board shall make reasonable compensation for any damage done to

any premises, sewerage system or sanitary facilities affected by the inspection.”.

### **New section 13A**

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

#### **“Duty to enquire before excavation**

**13A.**—(1) Any person who digs, bores, trenches, grades, excavates, tunnels or breaks any ground with any mechanical equipment, tool or explosive, or allows his employee or agent to do so, without first —

- (a) obtaining from the Board the relevant drainage plan or sewerage plan or other plans or records to ascertain the location of any public sewerage system or part thereof that may be interfered with by such works;
- (b) carrying out trial trenches to physically ascertain the location of any such public sewerage system or part thereof that may be interfered with by such works; and
- (c) complying with such other requirements as the Board may specify to protect any such public sewerage system or part thereof within the vicinity of such works,

shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years or to both.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)(a), any person may, upon payment of the prescribed fee, be permitted to inspect and take copies of the relevant plans or records maintained by or on behalf of the Board.”.

### **Repeal and re-enactment of section 14**

10. Section 14 of the principal Act is repealed and the following section substituted therefor:

#### **“Works likely to affect sewer or sewerage system not to be carried out without Board’s certificate or approval**

**14.**—(1) No person shall —