Residential Property (Amendment) Act 2006 (No. 9 of 2006)

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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 14th February 2006 and assented to by the President on 1st March 2006:—

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY (AMENDMENT) ACT 2006

(No. 9 of 2006)

I assent.

S R NATHAN, President. 1st March 2006.

Date of Commencement: 31st March 2006

An Act to amend the Residential Property Act (Chapter 274 of the 1985 Revised Edition) and to make consequential amendments to the Companies Act (Chapter 50 of the 1994 Revised Edition) and the Singapore Land Authority Act (Chapter 301 of the 2002 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 Residential Property (Amendment) Act 2006 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(1) of the Residential Property Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended —

(a) by deleting the definition of "approved purchaser" and substituting the following definition:

" "approved purchaser" means —

- (a) a Singapore company;
- (b) a Singapore limited liability partnership;
- (c) a Singapore society;
- (d) a foreign person to whom approval has been granted under section 25, 30 or 31;
- (e) any person, company, limited liability partnership, society, association or other organisation or body who or which has been exempted by the Minister under section 32; or
- (f) any body, corporate or otherwise, declared by the Minister by notification in the *Gazette* to be a public authority or an instrumentality or agency of the Government;";
- (b) by deleting the definition of "Controller of Housing";
- (c) by deleting the definitions of "converted foreign company", "converted foreign limited liability partnership" and "converted society" and substituting the following definitions:
 - ""converted foreign company" means any Singapore company which becomes a foreign company on or after 1st October 1976 while being an owner of an estate or interest in any residential property that is not non-restricted residential

property;

- "converted foreign limited liability partnership" means any Singapore limited liability partnership which becomes a foreign limited liability partnership on or after 11th April 2005 while being an owner of an estate or interest in any residential property that is not non-restricted residential property;
- "converted society" means any Singapore society which becomes a foreign society on or after 1st October 1976 while being an owner of an estate or interest in any residential property that is not non-restricted residential property;";
- (d) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "court", the following definition:
 - ""director", in relation to a company, means any person occupying or acting in the position of director of the company, by whatever name called;";
- (e) by deleting the definition of "foreign company" and substituting the following definition:
 - ""foreign company" means any company (whether a holding company or otherwise) other than a Singapore company;";
- (f) by deleting the definition of "foreign person" and substituting the following definitions:
 - ""foreign person" means any person who is not any of the following:
 - (a) a citizen of Singapore;
 - (b) a Singapore company;
 - (c) a Singapore limited liability partnership;
 - (d) a Singapore society;
 - "foreign society" means any society other than a Singapore society;";
- (g) by deleting the definition of "land" and substituting the following definition: