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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 9th November 1990 and assented to by the President on 30th November 1990:—

NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BOARD ACT 1990

(No. 24 of 1990)

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REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

No. 24 of 1990.

I assent.



WEE KIM WEE President. 30th November 1990.

An Act to establish the National Science and Technology Board and for matters connected therewith.

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 National Science and Technology Board Act 1990 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Interpretation

- 2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires
 - "appointed day" means the date of commencement of this Act;
 - "Board" means the Science and Technology Board established under section 3;
 - "Council" means the Science Council of Singapore constituted under the Science Council of Singapore Act (Cap. 287);
 - "member" means a member of the Board and includes the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman;
 - "chief executive officer" means the chief executive officer appointed under section 14 and includes any temporary chief executive officer of the Board.

Establishment of National Science and Technology Board

3. There shall be established a body to be known as the National Science and Technology Board which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall, by that name, be 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.

Constitution of Board

- **4.**—(1) The Board shall consist of
 - (a) a Chairman;
 - (b) a Deputy Chairman; and

(c) not less than 8 and not more than 20 other members.

(2) The First Schedule shall apply to the Board, its members and proceedings.

Functions of Board

5. The functions of the Board are to —

- (a) encourage and promote research and development in science and technology;
- (b) co-ordinate the establishment and development of research institutes and other facilities connected with science and technology;
- (c) undertake programmes and provide funds to promote and facilitate scientific and technological research and development in both the private and public sectors;
- (d) assess scientific and technological manpower needs and engage in programmes for developing such manpower;
- (e) undertake exchanges and joint programmes with other national and international organisations connected with science and technology; and
- (f) promote activities to increase public awareness of the importance of science and technology.

Powers of Board

6.—(1) The Board shall have power to do all things that are necessary or convenient to be done for or in connection with the performance of its functions and, in particular, may —

- (a) appoint committees consisting of persons who may or may not be members of the Board and delegate to the committees such of its powers and functions as it may determine;
- (b) form or participate in the formation of a company or enter into any joint venture or partnership for the purposes of this Act;