Sentosa Development Corporation (Amendment) Bill

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Explanatory Statement

Expenditure of Public Money

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An Act to amend the Sentosa Development Corporation Act (Chapter 291 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 Sentosa Development Corporation (Amendment) Act 1996 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 of the Sentosa Development Corporation Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended
 - (a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "Corporation", the following definitions:
 - ""float" means any floating structure normally used as a point of transfer for passengers and goods and for mooring purposes;
 - "Harbour Master" means the Harbour Master appointed under section 18H and includes any Deputy or Assistant Harbour Master appointed under that section;

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- "land" includes land covered by water and any interest in land;
- "maritime facilities" means facilities either owned by the Corporation or any lessee of any land in Sentosa that are intended primarily to be used by or for the service of vessels (including floats, ramps, hoists, parking areas, leased water areas, concessions and service facilities) located on land in Sentosa or in the waters and waterways of Sentosa;
- "master", in relation to a vessel, means any person having or taking command, charge or management of a vessel for the time being;"; and
- (b) by deleting the full-stop at the end of the definition of "member" and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following definitions:
 - ""mooring" includes anchoring;

"owner" —

- (a) in relation to any area of the waters of Sentosa, means the person who has leased the area from the Corporation; and
- (b) in relation to a vessel, includes the charterer;
- "Sentosa" means all that part of the island known as Sentosa which was transferred to and vested in the Corporation on 1st September 1972 by virtue of section 25, the bridge known as Gateway Avenue linking Sentosa and the main island of Singapore and any land reclaimed from the foreshore of Sentosa which is transferred to or leased by the State to the Corporation;
- "vessel" means every description of vessel however propelled or moved and includes any thing constructed or used to carry persons or goods by water and a seaplane on or in the water, a hovercraft and a hydrofoil vessel;
- "waters of Sentosa" means all the tidal and inland waters of Sentosa that are
 - (a) vested in or leased to the Corporation; or

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(b) managed or controlled by the Corporation, whether or not the lands lying under the tidal and inland waters are vested in or leased to the Corporation or leased by the Corporation to others;

"waterways" means any area of the waters of Sentosa providing access from one place to another, principally a water area providing a regular route for water-borne traffic.".

New section 6A

3. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 6, the following section:

"Protection from personal liability

- **6A.**—(1) No matter or thing done and no contract of any kind entered into by the Corporation and no matter or thing done by any member of the Corporation or by any employee thereof or any other person whomsoever acting under the direction of the Corporation shall, if the matter or thing was done or the contract was entered into bona fide for the purpose of executing the provisions of this Act, subject any such member or employee or any other person whomsoever acting under the direction of the Corporation personally to any action, liability, claim or demand whatsoever in respect thereof.
- (2) Any expense incurred by the Corporation or any member, employee or acting under the direction of the Corporation shall be borne by and repaid out of the funds of the Corporation.".

Amendment of section 8

- **4.** Section 8 of the principal Act is amended
 - (a) by deleting the words "General Manager" in the second line and substituting the words "Chief Executive"; and
 - (b) by deleting the words "General Manager" in the marginal note and substituting the words "Chief Executive".

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Repeal and re-enactment of section 9

5. Section 9 of the principal Act is repealed and the following section substituted therefor:

"General functions of Corporation

- **9.** The functions of the Corporation are the following:
 - (a) to control, manage and administer Sentosa and, with the approval of the Minister, any other island or land elsewhere in or outside Singapore whether or not the island or land is owned by or leased to the Corporation;
 - (b) to promote and encourage the development of services, facilities and amenities in Sentosa and, with the approval of the Minister, elsewhere in or outside Singapore for tourists and the public;
 - (c) to develop, manage and control scenic attractions, educational, entertainment, leisure, recreational, tour and sports services, facilities and amenities in Sentosa and, with the approval of the Minister, elsewhere in or outside Singapore and to encourage their full and proper use by tourists and the public;
 - (d) to develop and manage part of Sentosa for residential, commercial or recreational purposes and, with the approval of the Minister, any land elsewhere in Singapore for similar purposes;
 - (e) to provide facilities for persons living and working in Sentosa and to enhance the operations of businesses operating in Sentosa;
 - (f) to prepare and implement or to give assistance to schemes or projects which will provide or improve services, facilities and amenities in Sentosa and, with the approval of the Minister, elsewhere in or outside Singapore for tourists and the public.".

Repeal and re-enactment of section 10, and new section 10A

6. Section 10 of the principal Act is repealed and the following sections substituted therefor:

"Powers of Corporation

- 10. The Corporation shall have power to do anything for the purpose of discharging its functions under this Act, or which is incidental or conducive to the discharge of those functions and, in particular, may
 - (a) promote or undertake publicity in any form;
 - (b) provide advisory, consultancy, professional and information services;

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(c) promote or undertake research;