Land Acquisition (Amendment No. 2) Ordinance

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An Ordinance to amend the Land Acquisition Ordinance (Chapter 248 of the Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the Yang di-Pertuan Negara with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Singapore, as follows:—

Short title and commencement

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Land Acquisition (Amendment No. 2) Ordinance, 1964, and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of long title

- **2.** The Land Acquisition Ordinance (hereinafter in this Ordinance referred to as the "principal Ordinance") is hereby amended by deleting the long title thereto and substituting therefor the following:
 - "An Ordinance to provide for the acquisition of land, the assessment of compensation to be made on account of such acquisition and other matters incidental thereto.".

Amendment of section 2

- 3. Section 2 of the principal Ordinance is hereby amended
 - (a) by inserting immediately before the definition of "persons interested" appearing therein the following new definitions:—
 - ""Board" means the Appeals Board constituted under the provisions of section 19 of this Ordinance;
 - "Commissioner" means the Commissioner or the Deputy Commissioner of Appeals, appointed under the provisions of subsection (1) of section 19 of this Ordinance, and includes an acting Commissioner or acting Deputy Commissioner;";

- (b) by deleting the expression "Yang di-Pertuan Negara" appearing in the definition of "Collector" and substituting therefor the word "Minister";
- (c) by deleting the definition of "company" appearing therein;

(d) by deleting the definition of "court" appearing therein and substituting therefor the following: —

""court" means the High Court in Singapore;".

Repeal and re-enactment of section 5

4. Section 5 of the principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor: —

"Declaration that land is required for specific purposes

- **5.**—(1) Whenever any particular land is needed
 - (a) for any public purpose;
 - (b) by any person, corporation or statutory board, for any work or an undertaking which in the opinion of the Minister is of public utility; or
 - (c) for any residential or industrial purposes;

the Yang di-Pertuan Negara may, by notification published in the *Gazette*, declare the land to be required for the purpose specified in such notification.

- (2) Such declaration shall state
 - (a) the town subdivision or mukim in which the land is situated;
 - (b) the particular purpose for which it is needed;
 - (c) its approximate area and all other particulars necessary for identifying it; and
 - (d) if a plan has been made of the land, the place and time where and when such plan may be inspected.
- (3) Such declaration shall be conclusive evidence that the land is needed for the purpose specified therein.".

Repeal and re-enactment of section 6

5. Section 6 of the principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

"Collector to proceed to acquire after declaration

6. Upon the publication of a notification, under the provisions of subsection (1) of section 5 of this Ordinance declaring that any land is needed for the purpose

specified in such declaration, the Minister or an officer authorised by the Minister in that behalf shall direct the Collector to take proceedings for the acquisition of the land.".

Repeal and re-enactment of section 8

6. Section 8 of the principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor: —

"Notice to persons interested

- **8.**—(1) The Collector shall then cause notices to be posted at convenient places on or near the land to be taken stating
 - (a) that the Government intends to take possession of the land; and
 - (b) that claims to compensation for all interests in such land may be made to him.
- (2) The Collector shall also serve notice to the same effect on all other persons known or believed to be interested in such land, or to be entitled to act for persons so interested, as reside or have agents authorised to receive service on their behalf within the State:

Provided that, if any such person resides elsewhere and has no such agent, the notice may be sent to him by registered post if his address can be ascertained after reasonable enquiry.

- (3) Every such notice under the provisions of subsections (1) and (2) of this section
 - (a) shall state the particulars of the land; and
 - (b) shall require all persons interested in such land
 - (i) to appear personally or by any person authorised in writing in that behalf before the Collector at the time and place mentioned in such notice, such time not being earlier than fourteen days after the date of publication of the notice; and
 - (ii) to state the nature of their respective interests in the land and the amount and particulars of their claims to compensation for such interests and their objections, if any, to the measurements made under the provisions of section 7 of this Ordinance.