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**SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE ACT
(CHAPTER 322)**

**RULES OF COURT
(AMENDMENT NO. 4) RULES 2021**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 80 of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act and all other powers enabling us under any written law, we, the Rules Committee, make the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules are the Rules of Court (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2021 and come into operation on 31 May 2021.

Amendment of Order 41

2. Order 41 of the Rules of Court (R 5) is amended by inserting, immediately after Rule 12, the following Rule:

“Affidavit may be sworn and signed before and attestation completed by commissioner for oaths through live video link or live television link (O. 41, r. 13)

13.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), an affidavit may be sworn and signed in Singapore before, and the attestation completed and signed by, a commissioner for oaths with the deponent appearing before the commissioner for oaths through a live video link or live television link that is created using a remote communication technology that complies with the requirements set out in any practice directions for the time being issued by the Registrar.

(2) For the purpose of Rule 1(7) and this Rule, the deponent and the commissioner for oaths may sign the affidavit electronically in accordance with any requirements laid down in any practice directions for the time being issued by the Registrar.

(3) Where the affidavit is to be taken, and an oath for the taking of the affidavit is to be administered, in Singapore by a commissioner for oaths through a live video link or live television link, the commissioner for oaths must be able to —

- (a) maintain visual contact and communicate with the deponent and any interpreter present throughout the process;
- (b) confirm the identity of the deponent and any interpreter present;
- (c) verify by visual inspection, read, interpret and explain the document to be sworn and signed by the deponent; and
- (d) confirm that the document which the commissioner for oaths later signs is the same document sworn and signed by the deponent.”.

Amendment of Order 63A

3. Order 63A, Rule 15(2) of the Rules of Court is amended by deleting the word “Where” and substituting the words “Subject to Order 41, Rule 13, where”.

[G.N. Nos. S 299/2014; S 390/2014; S 671/2014; S 714/2014; S 753/2014; S 850/2014; S 175/2015; S 278/2015; S 756/2015; S 235/2016; S 474/2016; S 105/2017; S 322/2017; S 543/2017; S 51/2018; S 183/2018; S 697/2018; S 850/2018; S 707/2019; S 773/2019; S 35/2020; S 220/2020; S 458/2020; S 636/2020; S 1043/2020; S 35/2021; S 71/2021; S 357/2021]

Made on 29 May 2021.

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Chief Justice.