

**Developmental Investment Fund Act
(CHAPTER 79)**

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DEVELOPMENTAL INVESTMENT FUND ACT

(CHAPTER 79)

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An Act to establish a Developmental Investment Fund and to define its purposes, to authorise the raising of loans for the Developmental Investment Fund and for matters connected therewith.

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PART I
PRELIMINARY

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Developmental Investment Fund Act.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“developmental purpose” means —

- (a) to promote, assist in or facilitate the establishment, development or expansion of any industry or class of business enterprise that will enhance, directly or indirectly, economic growth and employment opportunities in Singapore, that enjoys good export market prospects or that will enhance Singapore’s international competitiveness;
- (b) to construct, improve, extend or replace any buildings, building or engineering works, plant, machinery, equipment or other infrastructure required in respect of or connected with the economic development or general welfare of Singapore;
- (c) to reclaim or develop any land in Singapore or to commercially exploit or apply any scientific knowledge or technology; or
- (d) to promote, assist or facilitate any research, survey, investigation or other work preparatory to any purpose referred to in paragraph (a), (b) or (c);

“financial year”, in relation to the Fund, means a period of 12 months ending on 31st March in any year;

“Fund” means the Developmental Investment Fund established under section 3;

“invest” includes entering into a transaction or an arrangement for the protection or enhancement of investments;

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for finance;

“property” means any legal or equitable estate or interest (whether present or future and whether vested or contingent) in real or personal property of any description;

“public authority” means any board or authority established by or under any written law to perform or discharge any public function;

“responsible Minister” has the meaning assigned to it in section 6(1);

“securities” includes shares, inscribed stock, debentures, bonds, debenture stock, notes or any other document creating, evidencing or acknowledging indebtedness;

“sinking fund” means any sinking fund created under section 15.

PART II

DEVELOPMENTAL INVESTMENT FUND

Establishment of Developmental Investment Fund

3.—(1) There shall be established a fund to be called the Developmental Investment Fund into which shall be paid —

- (a) all moneys from time to time appropriated from the Consolidated Fund and authorised to be paid into the Fund by this Act or any other written law;
- (b) all sums representing the proceeds of loans raised under this Act;
- (c) all other revenues of Singapore allocated by any written law to the Fund; and
- (d) the net income from investments of moneys in the Fund authorised to be made by this Act or any other written law.

(2) The Fund shall be regarded as a Government fund and as comprising public moneys for the purposes of any other written law.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1)(d), the net income from investments shall be the amount ascertained by adding to, or deducting from, the income received from investments of moneys in the Fund any profit derived or loss sustained, as the case may be, from the realisation of such investments.

Purposes of Fund

4.—(1) The moneys in the Fund may be withdrawn and applied for all or any of the following purposes only:

- (a) to invest in, subscribe for or acquire any securities in any public authority, corporation or body corporate for any developmental purpose;
- (b) to form or to participate in the formation of any company for any developmental purpose;

- (c) to invest in any funds or property (whether within or outside Singapore) for any developmental purpose;
- (d) the payment of any charges, fees or expenses incidental or arising from carrying out any of the activities in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c);
- (e) the payment of any expenses referred to in section 7.

(2) Section 7(3) of the Financial Procedure Act (Cap. 109) shall not apply to the application of any moneys in the Fund in accordance with subsection (1)(a), (b) or (c).

General responsibility for Fund

5.—(1) The Minister shall be responsible for the control, supervision and management of all moneys of the Fund not assigned to any responsible Minister under section 6(1).

(2) Notwithstanding the assignment of any part of the moneys in the Fund to any responsible Minister under section 6(1), the Minister shall remain overall responsible for the control, supervision and management of the Fund.

Responsible Ministers in charge of accounts in Fund

6.—(1) The Minister may, if it appears to him expedient in the interests of the improved management and sound and more efficient investment of any part of the moneys in the Fund, by order direct that, as of a date appointed in that order, an account within the Fund shall be established comprising those moneys and placed under the control, supervision and management of a Minister who is assigned in that order (referred to in this Act as the responsible Minister).

(2) In the discharge of his functions in relation to the Fund or an account established under subsection (1), it shall be the duty of the Minister or responsible Minister, as the case may be —

- (a) to manage the Fund or account, as the case may be, so that the revenue of the Fund or account is not less than sufficient to meet expenses which are properly chargeable to the Fund or account;
- (b) to establish and adhere to investment policies, and adopt standards and procedures that a reasonable prudent person would apply to a portfolio of investments to avoid undue risk of loss and to obtain a reasonable return; and
- (c) in the case of the responsible Minister, to achieve such specific developmental objectives as the Minister may from time to time by order