



## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **SIAC REGISTRY OF ARBITRAL AWARDS AND AUTHENTICATION SERVICE**

1. A party seeking to enforce an arbitral award outside Singapore will be required under Article IV (1) of the UN Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards, New York 1958 ("New York Convention") by the foreign court before which enforcement is sought, to tender a:
  - (a) A duly authenticated original award or a duly certified copy thereof; and
  - (b) The original arbitration agreement or a duly certified copy thereof.
2. Courts of different jurisdictions may interpret these provisions differently and may require certain formalities to be adhered to before taking cognizance of the awards sought to be enforced.
3. Awards made in SIAC arbitrations are deemed lodged. Where enforcement is sought outside Singapore such awards are authenticated or certified by the Registrar of SIAC whenever so requested by a party.
4. There is at present no public body authenticating or certifying awards made in *ad hoc* arbitrations in Singapore.
5. The SIAC now extends its authentication and certification service to all arbitrations held in Singapore.

### **Procedure for Lodgment of Arbitral Awards**

1. Any award made in Singapore or an award made in an arbitration where the seat is Singapore, may be lodged for registration at the SIAC.
2. An award may be lodged by the sole arbitrator or in the case of a 3-member tribunal, by any member of the tribunal.
3. An award to be lodged must be an original signed award and shall be accompanied by:
  - (a) The original arbitration agreement or the document in which the arbitration clause is embodied or in either case a duly certified copy; and
  - (b) A declaration that the seat of the arbitration is Singapore.
4. An award should be lodged within 3 months after the award is made. The Registrar may consider a late lodgment if he is satisfied that the delay does not impair the authenticity of the award.
5. Every award lodged shall be assigned a lodgment number and shall be registered in the SIAC Registry of Arbitral Awards.
6. The Registrar may refuse lodgment of any award without assigning any reasons.
7. The SIAC Registry of Arbitral Awards is a closed registry. Confidentiality will be strictly maintained. Only parties to the arbitration and their authorised representatives may inspect the award made in their arbitration.
8. The fee for lodgment of an award is S\$30 (plus GST).

### **Application for Authentication or Certification**

1. An application for authentication or certification may be made by the arbitrator (or any member of the tribunal) or any party to the arbitration.
2. The application shall state:
  - (a) Identities of the parties, date of award, lodgment number and such other details as will enable the Registrar to properly identify the award; and
  - (b) Name of the foreign court before which the authentication or certification is required.
3. Every copy of the award attested to by the Registrar will be assigned a copy number and will bear the lodgment number of the award.
4. The fee for each authentication or certification is S\$75 (plus GST).

**Registrar, SIAC  
10 January 2005**