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GENERAL CIRCULAR NO. 1/2003

AMENDMENTS OF THE ARCHITECTS ACT 1967

This General Circular is issued to inform all registered members that the Architects Act 1967 had recently been amended. The amendments had been gazetted and come into force on 1 December 2002.

Among the amendments are those in respect of the following sections:-

1. Section 2
 - Insertion of the definitions of 'architectural consultancy practice' and 'architectural consultancy services' ;
 - Definition of registered Architectural Graduate' amended to 'registered Architect'; and definition of 'Architect' amended to 'Professional Architect'.
2. Section 7(1)
 - Entitlement of a Professional Architect to use the abbreviation "Ar" before his name and/or the abbreviation "P. Arch" after his name or in association with his name;
3. Section 7A
 - Registration of architectural consultancy practice to provide architectural consultancy services.
4. Section 7B
 - Registration of body corporate providing architectural consultancy services, professional engineering services and/or quantity surveying services.
5. Section 8
 - Entitlement of Professional Architects to submit plans or drawings including preparing and submitting applications for planning approvals.
6. Section 15A
 - Increase in penalty from RM 5,000 to RM 10,000 which may be imposed by the Board on Professional Architects or registered Architects for disciplinary offence.

7. Section 24 - Empowering the Board to alter the restrictions imposed on any registered Building Draughtsman as it deems fit.
8. Section 25 - Increase in penalty from RM 2,000 to RM 5,000 which may be imposed by the Board on registered Building Draughtsmen for disciplinary offence.
9. Section 33 - Increase in penalty from RM 5,000 to RM 50,000 for the offence of obtaining registration by false pretences, etc.
10. New Section 34A - Failure to comply with orders of the Disciplinary Committee, Board, Appeal Board or Minister.
11. New Section 34B - Power of search and seizure.

All Professional Architects, registered Architects and registered Building Draughtsmen are advised to obtain a copy of the amended Architects Act 1967 * for your reference.

By order of the Board,



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Zainab Mohamed
Registrar

25 January 2003

* Copies may be obtained from LAM at RM 15.00 each (RM 17.00 inclusive of postage)