BOARD OF ARCHITECTS MALAYSIA

(P.O. Box 12695, 50786 Kuala Lumpur)

GENERAL CIRCULAR NO. 1/1986

USAGE OF THE TERM "CHARTERED ARCHITECT"

Further to the Board's General Circular No. 4/1982 on the Guidelines for Names of Architectural Firms and Letterheads, I am directed to inform all registered Architects on the Board's stand pertaining to the usage of the term "Chartered" in naming or describing a practice. The word "Chartered" is of no significance and relevance in the Malaysian context and its usage is therefore discouraged.

However, the Board has no objection to such usage provided that :

- (i) All the partners in a partnership practice or all the directors in a body corporate practice are either members of the Royal Institute of British Architects, the Royal Australian Institute of Architects or the Royal Canadian Institute of Architects, as the Royal Charter from the British Crown is given to these Institutes only.
- (ii) Those firms or architectural companies which are yet to be established and wishing to adopt the word "chartered" in describing their practice, adherence to the Board's requirement is essential before their firms'/companies' names can be approved.
- (iii) Those practice which are already existing and which do not comply with this requirement are directed to delete the word "chartered" from the firms'/companies' names or letterheads with immediate effect until such time when all partners/directors become members of the Royal Institute of British Architects, the Royal Australian Institute of Architects or the Royal Canadian Institute of Architects.

By Order of the Board,

(HASAN bin MOHAMED) Registrar

21 February, 1986.