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BANKRUPTCY ACT (CHAPTER 20)

BANKRUPTCY (AMENDMENT) RULES 2014

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 166 of the Bankruptcy Act, the Minister for Law hereby makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Bankruptcy (Amendment) Rules 2014 and shall come into operation on 4th July 2014.

Amendment of rule 262A

2. Rule 262A of the Bankruptcy Rules (R 1) is amended by deleting the words "under these Rules" and substituting the words "under the Act (including these Rules), which may be accessed through the Official Assignee's Internet website at http://www.iptoonline.gov.sg".

Deletion and substitution of rule 262B

3. Rule 262B of the Bankruptcy Rules is deleted and the following rule substituted therefor:

"Documents to be filed using electronic filing system

- **262B.**—(1) Any person who wishes or is required to file, serve, deliver or otherwise convey any application, request or document by means of the electronic filing system shall do so in accordance with these Rules and any practice directions issued by the Official Assignee.
- (2) On or after any date specified in the Table below, every document or application listed against that date shall be filed, served, delivered or otherwise conveyed using the electronic filing system:

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| Item | Date | Application or document |
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| (a) | 4th July 2014 | A bankrupt's account, referred to in section $82(1)(a)$ of the Act, of all moneys and property which have come to his hands for his own use. |
| (b) | 4th July 2014 | A bankrupt's application for the permission of the Official Assignee under section $131(1)(b)$ of the Act to leave, or to remain or reside outside, Singapore. |
| (c) | 1st August 2014 | A creditor's objection, referred to in section 126(2) of the Act, to the Official Assignee issuing a certificate discharging a bankrupt, and the creditor's statement of the grounds of his objection. |
| (<i>d</i>) | 1st August 2014 | A creditor's proof of debt referred to in rule 174(1).". |

Amendment of rule 262C

4. Rule 262C(1) of the Bankruptcy Rules is amended by deleting the words "containing the document" and substituting the words "containing the application, request or document, as the case may be,".

New rule 262D

5. The Bankruptcy Rules are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 262C, the following rule:

"Unavailability, etc., of electronic filing system

- **262D.** In the event of any failure or unavailability of or interruption to the electronic filing system, any application or document referred to in rule 262B(2) shall, during the period of such failure, unavailability or interruption, be filed, served, delivered or otherwise conveyed
 - (a) in such manner as may be specified by the Official Assignee in any practice directions issued by the Official Assignee;

- (b) if the application or document is referred to in item (a), (b) or (c) in the Table set out in rule 262B(2), in such form as may be set out on the Official Assignee's Internet website at http://www.ipto.gov.sg; and
- (c) if the document is a creditor's proof of debt referred to in item (d) in the Table set out in rule 262B(2), in Form 23.".

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Made this 1st day of July 2014.

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