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**ARCHITECTS ACT
(CHAPTER 12)**

**ARCHITECTS
(PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AND ETHICS)
(AMENDMENT) RULES 2003**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 38 of the Architects Act, the Board of Architects, with the approval of the Minister for National Development, hereby makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Architects (Professional Conduct and Ethics) (Amendment) Rules 2003 and shall come into operation on 1st January 2004.

Amendment of rule 6

2. Rule 6 of the Architects (Professional Conduct and Ethics) Rules (R 2) is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (2), the following paragraph:

“(3) This rule shall not apply to a registered architect, licensed corporation or licensed partnership in respect of architectural services rendered in any project in which he or it is also providing building services, whether on his or its own or together with any other person.”.

Amendment of Schedule

3. The Schedule to the Architects (Professional Conduct and Ethics) Rules is amended —

(a) by deleting sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 3 of Part I and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

“(1) An architect shall at all times apply the conditions of a contract with entire fairness between his client and the other party to the contract, and in any question arising between his client and the other party to the contract in which the architect is acting between the parties by reason of his professional expertise, he shall act in an impartial manner.”;

(b) by inserting, immediately after sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 3 of Part I, the following sub-paragraph:

“(3) Sub-paragraph (2) (a) shall not apply to an architect in respect of any project in which he is providing both architectural services and building services, whether on his own or together with any other person.”;

(c) by deleting sub-paragraph (4) of paragraph 4 of Part I and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

“(4) Nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit —

- (a) an architect who is a director of a licensed corporation from receiving remuneration for his services as a director;
- (b) an architect who is a shareholder in a licensed corporation from receiving any dividend on his shares; or
- (c) an architect who is providing both architectural services and building services in any project from receiving his fees in respect of the building services rendered by him in that project.”;

(d) by deleting paragraph 10 of Part I and substituting the following paragraph:

“10.—(1) An architect shall not take part in an architectural competition where —

- (a) the Board has previously issued a warning against taking part in that competition; or
- (b) the competition is held otherwise than in accordance with any rules approved by the Board for the purpose of such competition.

(2) An architect shall not —

- (a) be associated in any way with the carrying out of any work involving a design which was selected as a result of taking part in a competition held in any of the circumstances specified in sub-paragraph (1) (a) or (b); or
- (b) attempt in any way to secure work for which a competition has been held unless —
 - (i) he is a competitor in that competition; and
 - (ii) such work is secured in accordance with the rules of the competition that are in force.”;

(e) by deleting sub-paragraph (4) of paragraph 11 of Part I and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

“(4) If an architect, on being approached or instructed by or on behalf of any person to act as the architect or builder or both in any project, knows, or can ascertain by reasonable inquiry, that another architect is or has been engaged to act as the architect or builder or

both in the same project, he shall notify the other architect or the Board before he accepts the engagement or commission.”;

(f) by inserting, immediately after sub-paragraph (7) of paragraph 11 of Part I, the following sub-paragraph:

“(8) Sub-paragraphs (3), (5), (6) and (7) shall not apply to any architect in respect of any project in which he is providing both architectural services and building services, whether on his own or together with any other person.”;

(g) by deleting paragraph 12 of Part I and substituting the following paragraph:

“12. An architect shall not, while engaging in the practice of architecture, act in a manner which —

- (a) is inconsistent or out of keeping with the fitting and proper discharge of his professional duties;
- (b) would raise doubts as to his professional integrity as an architect; or
- (c) would raise doubts as to whether he will render his architectural services in accordance with any written law and with honesty and integrity.”;

(h) by deleting sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) of paragraph 14 of Part I; and

(i) by inserting, immediately after the words “act as an architect” in paragraph 2 of Part II, the words “or a builder”.

Made this 29th day of December 2003.

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President,
Board of Architects,
Singapore.

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