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**SENTOSA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ACT**

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# Sentosa Development Corporation Act

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An Act to establish the Sentosa Development Corporation  
and for purposes connected therewith.

[1st September 1972]

## PART I

## PRELIMINARY

Short title.      1. This Act may be cited as the Sentosa Development Corporation Act.

Inter-pretation.      2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —  
“Chairman” means the Chairman of the Corporation;  
“Corporation” means the Sentosa Development Corporation established under this Act;  
“member” means a member of the Corporation.

## PART II

## SENTOSA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Establish-ment of Sentosa Development Corporation.      3.—(1) For the purposes of this Act, there shall be established a corporation to be known as the Sentosa Development Corporation.

(2) The Corporation shall consist of a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman and such number of other members as the Minister may from time to time determine:

Provided that the total number of members shall not be less than 8 nor more than 15.

(3) The Corporation shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal, and shall be capable of acquiring, holding and disposing of immovable

and movable property, of suing and being sued and of doing and suffering all such acts and things as bodies corporate may lawfully do and suffer.

(4) The members of the Corporation shall be appointed by the Minister, who shall also appoint the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman from amongst its members.

4.—(1) A member shall hold and vacate his office in accordance with the terms of his appointment. Members of Corporation.

(2) Any member may at any time by notice in writing to the Minister resign his office.

(3) If the Minister is satisfied that a member —

(a) has become a bankrupt or has made an arrangement with his creditors;

(b) is incapacitated by physical or mental illness; or

(c) is in the opinion of the Minister otherwise unable or unfit to discharge his duties,

the Minister may declare his office as a member to be vacant and shall notify the fact in such manner as he thinks fit; and thereupon the office shall become vacant.

(4) If the Chairman or the Deputy Chairman of the Corporation ceases to be a member of the Corporation, he shall cease to be the Chairman or the Deputy Chairman, as the case may be.

(5) A member who ceases to be a member shall be eligible for reappointment.

(6) The Corporation shall pay to its members such salaries, fees or allowances as the Minister may determine.

5.—(1) At all meetings of the Corporation 5 members shall form a quorum. Meetings and proceedings of Corporation.

(2) The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Corporation at which he is present.

(3) The Deputy Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Corporation at which the Chairman is not present and in the absence of both the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman at any such meeting, the members present shall appoint one of their number to preside at that meeting.

(4) Meetings of the Corporation shall be held at such times and places as the Corporation may determine.

(5) A special meeting of the Corporation may at any time be convened by the Chairman or the Deputy Chairman.

(6) All questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present and voting.

(7) At any meeting of the Corporation the Chairman shall have a deliberative vote and, in the case of an equality of votes, shall also have a casting vote.

(8) The validity of any proceedings of the Corporation shall not be affected by any vacancy amongst its members or by any defect in the appointment of any member.

(9) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Corporation may regulate its own proceedings.

Disclosure of interest by members.

**6.** A member who is in any way directly or indirectly interested in a transaction or project of the Corporation shall disclose the nature of his interest at a meeting of the Corporation; and the disclosure shall be recorded in the minutes of the Corporation and the member shall not take any part in any deliberation of the Corporation with respect to that transaction or project.

Appointment of staff.

**7.** The Corporation may —

(a) appoint such officers and employees as may be necessary for the carrying out of the functions of the Corporation under this Act; and

(b) engage and remunerate for their services such professional persons or agents as the Corporation considers necessary for carrying out its functions.

Appointment of General Manager.

**8.** The Corporation shall, with the approval of the Minister, appoint and employ a General Manager who shall, subject to the directions of the Corporation on matters of policy, be charged with the direction of the functions or business of the Corporation, its administration and organisation and the administrative control of its employees.

## PART III

## FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF CORPORATION

9. The functions of the Corporation shall be —

- (a) to assume control of and administer Sentosa;
- (b) to encourage the development of services, facilities and amenities in Sentosa or, with the approval of the Minister, elsewhere in Singapore for tourists and the public;
- (c) to control scenic attractions and recreational facilities in Sentosa or, with the approval of the Minister, elsewhere in Singapore and to encourage their full and proper use by tourists and the public;
- (d) to prepare and implement or to give assistance to schemes or projects which will provide or improve services, facilities and amenities in Sentosa or, with the approval of the Minister, elsewhere in Singapore for tourists and the public.

General  
functions of  
Corporation.

10. The Corporation shall have power to do anything for the purpose of discharging its functions under this Act, or which is incidental or conducive to the discharge of those functions and in particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, may—

- (a) promote or undertake publicity in any form;
- (b) provide advisory and information services;
- (c) promote or undertake research;
- (d) acquire by purchase, lease, sub-lease or otherwise, any land or interest in land with or without any building;
- (e) grant leases, sub-leases and licences of any land or interest in land belonging to the Corporation;
- (f) erect, alter or reconstruct any building on land belonging to or administered by the Corporation;
- (g) subscribe for, acquire and hold and dispose of or otherwise deal with shares or stock in any company, whether incorporated in or outside Singapore, carrying on or intending to carry on any activity or business in Sentosa;

Powers of  
Corporation.

- (h) act in combination or association with any person or persons engaged, concerned or interested in the promotion of services and amenities for tourists and the public in Sentosa, and pay for or contribute to the cost and expenses involved in such combination or association;
- (i) establish, maintain and operate launches, boats, services for the transport of passengers and goods, golf courses, and other works, buildings, services, equipment and apparatus as the Corporation thinks necessary for the performance of its functions;
- (j) subject to any regulations made by the Minister, impose such charges or fees as the Corporation may determine for the use of any accommodation, services, works, buildings, recreation grounds, equipment, attractions, amenities or facilities provided, maintained, controlled or operated by the Corporation; and
- (k) enter into any contract or agreement for the carrying out of the purposes of this Act.

#### PART IV

##### FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Borrowing powers.

**11.** The Corporation may from time to time, with the consent of the Minister, and subject to such terms as he thinks fit, borrow money and issue debentures or mortgage or charge any of its property for the purpose of meeting its obligations or discharging its functions under this Act.

Provision of working capital.

**12.** For the purpose of enabling the Corporation to carry out its functions and to defray expenditure properly chargeable to capital account, including defraying initial expenses, and for the provision of working capital, the Minister may authorise payment to the Corporation of such sums as he may determine.

Investment of money belonging to Corporation. Cap. 337.

**13.—(1)** Money standing to the credit of the Corporation may from time to time be invested in any of the securities in which trust funds may, by section 4 of the Trustees Act, be invested.

(2) The Corporation may, with the written approval of the Minister, invest money standing to the credit of the Corporation from time to time in shares of any private or public company.

**14.—**(1) The Corporation may open at any bank or banks, or at any branch or agency of such banks, such accounts as it considers necessary or desirable for the exercise of its functions and powers. Bank accounts.

(2) Every account under this section shall be operated upon by cheque signed by such person or persons as may from time to time be authorised in that behalf by the Corporation.

**15.** The Corporation shall keep proper accounts and proper records in relation to the accounts and shall prepare in respect of each accounting year a statement of accounts which shall conform to the best commercial standards. Books of accounts.

**16.** The accounts of the Corporation shall be audited by auditors appointed by the Corporation with the approval of the Minister. Audit of accounts.

**17.—**(1) As soon as may be reasonably practicable after the end of each accounting year but not later than 4 months from the end of that year, unless the Minister otherwise authorises in writing, the Corporation shall furnish to the Minister a report of its functions for that year together with a copy of the statement of accounts in respect of that year and the auditors' report thereon. Annual report and accounts to be presented to Parliament.

(2) A copy of the report and of the statement of accounts attached thereto shall be presented to Parliament.

**18.** The Minister may, after consultation with the Corporation, give directions to the Corporation as to the manner in which its profits shall be applied. Application of profits of Corporation.

## PART V

### GENERAL

**19.—**(1) The Corporation may from time to time appoint from among its own members or other persons who are not members of the Corporation such number of committees as it thinks fit for purposes which, in the opinion of the Corporation, would be better regulated and managed by means of such committees. Appointment of committees and delegation of powers.



(2) The Corporation may, subject to such conditions or restrictions as it thinks fit, delegate to any such committee any of the powers, functions and duties of the Corporation, except the power to borrow money and any power, function or duty so delegated may be exercised or performed by such committee in the name and on behalf of the Corporation.

(3) The Corporation may, subject to such conditions or restrictions as it thinks fit, delegate to any member, officer or employee thereof any of the powers, functions and duties of the Corporation, except the power to borrow money and any power, function or duty so delegated may be exercised or performed by such member, officer or employee in the name and on behalf of the Corporation.

(4) The Corporation may continue to exercise any power conferred upon it, or perform any function or duty under this Act, notwithstanding the delegation of such power, function or duty under this section.

Advisory and  
technical  
committees.

**20.**—(1) The Corporation may, from time to time, appoint such advisory or technical committees as it thinks fit to advise the Corporation on such matters within the scope of its functions as are referred to them by the Corporation.

(2) Any person may be appointed to be a member of any such committee notwithstanding that he is not a member, officer or employee of the Corporation.

Contracts of  
Corporation.

**21.**—(1) Any contract, which if made between private persons would be required to be in writing under seal, shall if made by the Corporation be in writing under the seal of the Corporation.

(2) Any contract, which if made between private persons would be required to be in writing signed by the parties to be charged therewith, shall if made by the Corporation be either in writing under the seal of the Corporation or in writing signed by the General Manager on behalf of and by direction of the Corporation or signed by any other person on behalf of and pursuant to the authority of the Corporation.

(3) Any contract, which if made between private persons would be valid although made orally, may be similarly made on behalf of the Corporation by the General Manager acting by direction of the Corporation or by any other person

pursuant to the authority of the Corporation but no oral contract may be made involving payment by the Corporation of a sum exceeding \$500.

**22.—**(1) The fixing of the seal of the Corporation shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman or the Deputy Chairman of the Corporation or of some other person authorised either generally or specially by the Corporation to act for that purpose.

Common  
seal of  
Corporation.

(2) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Corporation shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be a document so executed.

**23.—**(1) The Corporation shall in the case of such of its officers and employees as the Minister may determine —

Staff  
pensions and  
gratuities.

- (a) pay such pensions or gratuities to or in respect of them as may be so determined;
- (b) make such payments towards the provisions of such pensions or gratuities as may be so determined;  
or
- (c) establish and maintain such schemes (whether contributory or not) for the payments of such pensions and gratuities as may be so determined.

(2) The following provisions shall apply to any scheme established under this section:

- (a) no assurance on the life of any contributor under any such scheme, and no moneys or other benefits payable under any such assurance, and no payment made under any such scheme to any person who has been employed by the Corporation, shall be assignable or transferable, or liable to be garnished, attached, sequestered or levied upon for or in respect of any debt or claim whatsoever other than a debt due to the Corporation or to the Government;
- (b) no donation by the Corporation or contribution by its officers made under any such scheme and no interest thereon shall be assignable or transferable or liable to be garnished, attached, sequestered or levied upon for or in respect of

- any debt or claim whatsoever other than a debt due to the Corporation or to the Government;
- (c) no such donation, contribution or interest shall be subject to the debts of the contributor, nor shall such donation, contribution or interest pass to the Official Assignee on the bankruptcy of the contributor, but, if such contributor is adjudicated a bankrupt or is declared insolvent by a court, such donation, contribution or interest shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, be deemed to be subject to a trust in favour of the persons entitled thereto on the death of the contributor;
  - (d) the bankruptcy of a contributor shall not affect the making of deductions from the salary of the contributor in accordance with any such scheme, but the deductions shall continue to be made notwithstanding the provisions of any written law, and the portion of salary so deducted shall not be deemed to form part of his after-acquired property;
  - (e) subject to the provisions of any such scheme, all moneys paid or payable under any such scheme on the death of a contributor shall be deemed to be subject to a trust in favour of the persons entitled thereto under the will or intestacy of the deceased contributor, or under a nomination in such form as may be prescribed in such scheme, and shall not be deemed to form part of his estate or be subject to the payment of his debts but shall be deemed to be property passing on his death for the purposes of the Estate Duty Act;
  - (f) any contributor may, by a memorandum under his hand, appoint a trustee or trustees of the moneys payable on his death out of any such scheme and may make provision for the appointment of a new trustee or new trustees of such moneys and for the investment thereof; such memorandum shall be in the form prescribed in such scheme and shall be deposited with the Corporation;

- (g) if at the time of the death of any contributor or at any time afterwards, there is no trustee of such moneys or it is expedient to appoint a new trustee or new trustees, then and in any such case a trustee or trustees or a new trustee or new trustees may be appointed by the High Court;
- (h) the receipt of a trustee or trustees duly appointed, or in default of any such appointment and of written notice thereof to the Corporation, the receipt of the legal personal representative of a deceased contributor shall be a discharge to the Corporation for any moneys payable on his death out of any such scheme.

**24.—(1)** The Minister may, after consulting with the Corporation, make such regulations as he may consider necessary or expedient for giving full effect to the provisions of this Act and for the due administration thereof including, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, regulations for or with respect to — Regulations.

- (a) the control and management of lands, buildings and other property acquired by, vested in, or under the control of the Corporation;
- (b) the use and enjoyment of those lands, buildings and other property;
- (c) the prevention of trespassing on any of those lands and buildings and the removal of trespassers or other persons causing annoyance or inconvenience upon or in those lands and buildings;
- (d) the preservation and protection of and prevention of damage to animals, birds, fish or other fauna whatsoever and trees and plants of any kind on or in any of those lands; and
- (e) the making of charges or entrance fees for persons using or entering upon those lands or buildings or any specified parts thereof and the collecting and receiving of those charges and fees by the Corporation or by other persons.

(2) Such regulations may impose a penalty not exceeding \$2,000 for any breach thereof.

(3) All fines recovered under this Act shall be paid into and form part of the general funds of the Corporation.

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Transfer to Corporation of property, assets and liabilities.

**25.**—(1) Upon the date of commencement of this Act, all immovable and movable property in Sentosa and every right and interest therein that immediately before that date was vested in or held on behalf of the Government shall be transferred to and shall vest in the Corporation without further assurance, subject to such terms and conditions as the Minister may determine.

(2) All contracts, agreements and undertakings made by the Government or a statutory body for the purpose of the development of Sentosa and existing immediately before the commencement of this Act shall, unless the Minister otherwise by order provides, have effect as contracts, agreements and undertakings by and with the Corporation and may be enforced by and against the Corporation accordingly.

(3) Any proceeding or cause of action pending immediately before the commencement of this Act by or against the Government or a statutory body in respect of any property, contracts, agreements or undertakings transferred to the Corporation under this section may be continued and enforced by or against the Corporation as it might have been by or against the Government or the statutory body had this Act not come into operation.

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\*The former section 24 was deleted by Act 35/73.