

[Webinar] Specialist Insight Series: The Impact of the COVID-19 Temporary Measures on Various Obligations in Construction Projects

13 May 2020
10.30am - 12.00pm
Webinar

Introduction

The COVID-19 pandemic has had an unprecedented impact on global economies. The Singapore Government has moved swiftly to mitigate the effect of COVID-19 on the Singapore economy by enacting legislation to help individuals and businesses weather the crisis. The COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020 which was passed on 7 April 2020 in a single parliamentary sitting, provides a framework to hold in abeyance for a specific period the strict enforcement of certain legal rights. The Act provides temporary relief for parties which are unable to perform obligations arising from five broad categories of contracts, one of which are construction-related contracts.

Participants can expect the panel to discuss the following issues:

- Scope of relief granted to the construction industry under the Act,
- Performance Bonds – restrictions on call and extensions of term,
- Calculation of Liquidated Damages arising from delays caused by COVID-19,
- Failure to supply goods and services due to COVID-19 as a defence, and
- Impact on the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment regime

Join us as we hear from a distinguished panel of SAL Senior Accredited Specialists (Building & Construction) as they discuss the impact of this Act on the construction industry.

Programme

10.15 AM	Participants to log in to Webinar
10.30 AM	Presentation by: Mr Ho Chien Mien, Allen & Gledhill LLP Mr Ian De Vaz, WongPartnership LLP Mr Soh Lip San, Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP
11.30 AM	Panel Discussion Moderator: Mr Paul Sandosham, Clifford Chance Singapore Panellists: Mr Ho Chien Mien, Mr Ian De Vaz and Mr Soh Lip San
12.00 PM	End

 Webinar	LIFTED by 	1.5 PUBLIC CPD POINTS
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Speakers



Mr Ho Chien Mien

Allen and Gledhill LLP
Partner

Chien Mien is Co-Head of Allen & Gledhill's Construction & Engineering Practice.

In 2018, he was among the inaugural batch of select practitioners to be recognised as a Senior Accredited Specialist in Building and Construction Law by the Singapore Academy of Law.

Chien Mien undertakes a wide range of contentions and non-contentious construction and engineering related work. On the contentious side, he has extensive litigation, arbitration, adjudication and mediation experience – both domestic and international. On the non-contentious side, he has been involved in some of the largest building and infrastructure projects in Singapore and the Asia Pacific region.

He sits on the main panel of arbitrators for the Singapore International Arbitration Centre and the Asian International Arbitration Centre. Chien Mien is also a Senior Accredited Adjudicator with the Singapore Mediation Centre, a Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and a member of Singapore Infrastructure Dispute Management Protocol Advisory Committee



Mr Ian De Vaz

Wongpartnership LLP
Partner

Ian de Vaz is the Joint Head of the Energy, Construction & Projects practice in WongPartnership LLP. He has been recognised as a leading construction lawyer by all the leading legal directories such as Chambers Global; Chambers Asia-Pacific; The Legal 500: Asia Pacific; The Legal 500: Europe, Middle East & Africa; IFLR1000: Energy and Infrastructure; Asialaw Profiles and Best Lawyers.

In January 2018, Ian was amongst the inaugural batch of select practitioners to be appointed Senior Accredited Specialist in Building and Construction Law by the Singapore Academy of Law.

Ian has a diverse practice in construction and civil engineering work, spanning the full spectrum from front-end drafting and dispute avoidance to dispute resolution. Ian is currently on the panel of accredited adjudicators under the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act (Cap 30B).

In addition to an active practice, Ian continues to serve in academia as an Associate Professor (Adj) in the Faculty of Law, NUS, where he has been teaching construction law since 2004. He has contributed widely to all the leading texts in Singapore: Singapore Precedents of Pleadings (2006, 2015 editions), Law and Practice of Construction Contracts (4th ed, 2012, 5th ed, 2018), Security of Payments and Construction Adjudications (2nd ed, 2013) and Halsbury's Laws of Singapore – Building and Construction (Vol 2), (2019 Reissue). He is currently Contributing Editor of the Singapore Journal of Construction Law (SingJCL).



Mr Soh Lip San

Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP
Partner

Lip San heads Rajah & Tann Singapore's Construction & Projects Practice and is also a partner in the International Arbitration Practice. He advises the building and infrastructure industry on a broad spectrum of contentious as well as non-contentious work. With over 20 years of experience, Lip San specialises in handling major construction and engineering disputes, both in Singapore and across the region. He leads a team of lawyers in the Band 1 projects and energy practice and the team covers all aspects of construction and engineering law. Lip San has been named as a Senior Accredited Specialist for Building and Construction Law in the inaugural batch of the Singapore Academy of Law's Specialist Accreditation Scheme. Lip San is credited as being "a safe pair of hands" and a "trusted advisor".

Moderator



Mr Paul Sandosham

Clifford Chance Singapore
Partner

Paul heads Clifford Chance's Energy, Infrastructure & Resources (Disputes) for South East Asia. He is recognised by independent legal directories as a "preeminent" practitioner for Construction, Infrastructure & Major Projects as well as a leading lawyer in International Arbitration. He is a Chartered Arbitrator, a Fellow of CI Arb and the Chairman of the Board of Directors of CI Arb Singapore. He was one of the inaugural batch of appointees as SAL Senior Accredited Specialists (Building & Construction). He is on the panel of arbitrators of SIAC, AIAC, DIAC, HKIAC, PIAC, BANI and BCDR, and is on the ICC Singapore Selection Committee. Paul is recommended by leading legal publications including Chambers Global - The World's Leading Lawyers for Business, Legal 500: Asia Pacific, Europe, ME, Africa, Global Arbitration Review's 100, The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers, Euromoney's Guide to the World's Leading Construction Lawyers, Expert Guides - Commercial Arbitration and Construction and IFLR 1000 (Energy & Infrastructure).

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