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DISPUTE RESOLUTION IN INDIA

Wednesday, 24 August 2005, 5.00-7.30pm

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About this Evening Seminar

India plays a strategic role in the economic policies of Singapore and the region. With the signing of the Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement between Singapore and India and its role in possibly paving the way for an India-ASEAN Free Trade Agreement, there are growing opportunities in South Asia for both local and regional businesses. With these opportunities come the unavoidable concerns with the effectiveness of dispute resolution and management in India.

For professional advisers involved in various aspects of deal negotiation and structuring and legal risk management, this Seminar provides an insight into the dispute resolution processes available in India. Topics covered include:

1. An overview of the Indian Court Structure
2. Addressing frequently asked questions:
 - a. Delay
 - b. Influence
 - c. Recovery of costs
3. Examining recent developments in Indian arbitration:
 - a. extent of ad hoc vs institutional arbitrations
 - b. the general attitude to arbitration awards
 - c. procedure to set aside awards
 - d. a review of the Arbitration & Conciliation Act 1996
 - e. the level of judicial intervention
 - f. relevance of seat of arbitration
 - g. pros & cons of a non-Indian seat of arbitration
 - h. proposed 2003 amendments to 1996 Act
 - i. setting up of SIAC-CIDC Dispute Resolution Centre in New Delhi

Who Should Attend

- Lawyers who practise international arbitration law
- Arbitrators
- In-house counsel who manage disputes for their organisations

Program Outline

5.00-5.30pm	Registrations & Refreshments
5.30-5.40pm	Opening Remarks by Chairperson
	<i>Mr. Basil Vareldzis – SIARB Honorary Treasurer and Chair of its Construction Arbitration Group</i>
5.40-7.00pm	Dispute Resolution In India
	<i>Mr. Mohan Pillay – Partner and Head of India Practice, Wong Partnership</i>
7.00-7.15pm	Question & Answer Session
7.15-7.30 pm	Refreshments & Networking

About the Speaker

Mr. Mohan Pillay – Partner, M/s Wong Partnership

Mohan is a Partner at Wong Partnership, where he heads the Firm's India Practice. In addition to an active practice, Mohan teaches building contracts, construction law and international arbitration at the National University of Singapore where he is an Adjunct Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law.

Mohan is increasingly involved in advising several groups of Singapore corporates keen on participating in India's tremendous growth opportunities. He has also been invited to speak on Singapore dispute resolution in conferences in New Delhi, Mumbai and Bangalore. Most recently he has been working with the Singapore International Arbitration Centre on its collaboration with the Construction Industry Development Council of India to develop and set up dispute resolution systems in India for the construction industry.

Mohan is also the General Editor of "**Doing Business in India**" a 500 page hardcover book recently published by Sweet & Maxwell.



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About the Chairperson

Mr. Basil Vareldzis – SIArb Honorary Treasurer and Chair of its Construction Arbitration Group

Basil Vareldzis is the Honorary Treasurer of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators. He graduated with Honours from Imperial College of Science and Technology – London University – in both Electrical and Civil Engineering. Basil has worked in the Construction and Industry on major Civil Engineering and Building Projects both in the United Kingdom, the Middle East, and Singapore. He is an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Insurers by Examination, and a Fellow of both the Chartered and Singapore Institute of Arbitrators. In 1996, Basil joined China Construction in Singapore first as a Director of Projects, and later as a Director and General Manager. In 2003, he set up his own office, Vesco Construction Services, whereby he offers project management and claims consultancy services, and is available for appointment as Arbitrator and Expert Witness in Delay Claims.

Venue

The Executives' Club

65 Chulia Street #33-01 OCBC Centre (West Lobby)

(Registrations will begin at 5.00 pm)

Fee:

S\$ 63.00 (Members of SIArb, SICCI, SCCA, SBF, Law Society & employees of Singapore law practices)

S\$ 94.50 (non-Members)
(includes 5% GST, materials & refreshments)

REGISTRATION FORM

Name (Dr/Mr/Mrs/Miss/Mdm): _____

Name and Address of Law Firm/Law Corporation/Organisation: _____

Date of Admission: _____ Number of years in Practice: _____

Position in Law Firm/Law Corporation/Organisation: _____

AAS No: _____ NPM No: _____ NRIC/Passport No: _____
(Law Society Members) (Law Society Associate Members) (Non-Law Society Members)

Tel number: _____ Fax number: _____ Email: _____

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For further enquiries, please contact

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2. The Organisers reserve the right to refuse to register or admit any participant, and to cancel or postpone the course.
3. Substitute delegates are welcomed, subject to the Law Society Training Department being notified at least 2 working days before the course of the details of the substitute delegate.
4. The Organisers reserve the right to impose a cancellation fee in the event any registrant wishes to withdraw from the course after the registration closing date.
5. The Organisers will not entertain any request for a refund of fees made later than 24 hours before course commencement. However a confirmed registrant who has paid in full the course fees but does not turn up for the course will be entitled to collect a set of the materials provided.

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