Amendments to Land Titles (Strata) Act 2010 – Transitional and savings provisions

The amendments will take effect after the Land Titles (Strata) (Amendment) Bill is passed in Parliament and after the President gives his assent. The Bill will then be gazetted and all the changes will take effect upon a stipulated date of commencement. This Annex seeks to clarify how the new regulations will be applied, and who will be affected or exempted at the date of commencement of the new Act.

No.	Amendment	Application
1	Clarifications of Procedures to streamline process	
1.1	WAITING TIME REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE QUORUM AT EOGMS	
	Stipulate a 1-hour waiting time for the quorum of 30% of share value to be reached, failing which the EOGM is dissolved.	Applies to all EOGMs held on or after the date of commencement, including those EOGMs for which Notice has already been served.
1.2	DO AWAY WITH SOME EOGM REQUIREMENTS	
	(a) Remove the requirements for Collective Sale Committees (SC) to hold EOGMs to update on consent levels, the sale proposal and process, the number of bids and bid amounts received, and the terms & conditions of the sale and purchase agreement. Such updates can be done via simple meetings.	(a) Applies to all updates on the specified items carried out on or after the date of commencement.
	(b) Retain but clarify that the requirements are for SCs to hold EOGM to appoint lawyers and property consultants, to approve the apportionment method, and to approve the T&Cs of the CSA. Previous language used was "to consider" instead of "to appoint" or to approve".	(b)Applies to all EOGMs held on or after date of commencement.
1.3	PROVIDE FOR A NON-CONSENTING SC MEMBER TO VACATE HIS SEAT UPON A MAJORITY VOTE BY THE SC	
	Allow the SC to remove a non-consenting member by simple majority	Applies to all SCs.

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	obtained and an application is made to the STB.	
1.4	PLACING OF NOTICES	
	Allow Notices to be mailed in addition to being placed inside mailboxes.	Applies to all SCs that have yet to serve the relevant notices, on or after the date of commencement
2	Removal of ambiguity in current legislation	
2.1	DEVELOPMENTS WITH ONLY 2 SUBSIDIARY PROPRIETORS (SPs)	
	For meetings of the SC, to allow majority count by share value instead of by number of persons present.	Applies (to all SCs with only 2 SPs) on or after the date of commencement.
2.2	TENURE OF SALE COMMITTEE	
	Provide for an automatic termination of SCs that fail to obtain the first valid signature for the Collective Sale Agreement (CSA) within 1 year of the SC's formation at an EOGM.	For existing SCs who have not collected any valid signatures for their CSA as of the date of commencement, the 1-year period begins on the date of commencement of the new Act, regardless of how long the SC has been in office.
		For SCs constituted after the date of commencement, the 1- year period will begin on the day the SC was elected at an EOGM.
3	Prevention of the depletion of Management Corporation funds and to	balance the interests of owners
3.1	TWO-YEAR RESTRICTION PERIOD AFTER A FAILED ATTEMPT	
	Stipulate higher requisition levels for EOGMs within 2 years from an initial failed attempt of an en bloc sale. For the first re-try, 50% of share value or number of owners is needed. For second and subsequent re-tries, 80% is needed.	Applies to all failed attempts which occur on or after the date of commencement.

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	After the 2 years, requisition resets to 20% of share value or 25% of number of owners. The next failed attempt will be deemed an initial failed attempt for which a new 2-year restriction period will apply.	· ·
3.2	DISCLOSURE OF RELEVANT INFORMATION	
	Require a person standing for election to the SC or a member of the Sale Committee to declare any relevant information and declare extent of ownership by him/her or any connected person of units in the development concerned.	Applies to all election of SC members which takes place on or after the commencement date. For SCs which have been constituted prior to the date of commencement, purely as a transition arrangement, standing SC members have to declare such information and interests within 30 days of the date of commencement to the SC. Thereafter, the SC shall put up a notice of the declaration in any conspicuous part of the development, within 7 days of receiving notice from the SC member. For SCs which are constituted before, on or after the date of commencement, standing SC members have to make such declarations within 7 days of knowing such interests. Thereafter, the SC shall put up a notice of the declaration to any conspicuous part of the development, within 7 days of receiving notice from the SC member. Does not apply to applications that have been made to the STB prior to the date of commencement.
4	Amendments pertaining to the STB application and mediation process	
4.1	CHANGES TO ROLE OF STRATA TITLES BOARD (STB)	

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	Refine role of the STB to focus on mediatory function for en bloc sale applications.	Applies to all applications made to the STB on or after the date of commencement.
		Does not apply to applications that have been made to the STB prior to the date of commencement.
4.2	LENGTH OF STB MEDIATION	
	Stipulate a maximum period of 60 continuous days for mediation on each individual en bloc sale application.	Applies to all applications made to the STB on or after the date of commencement.
		Does not apply to applications that have been made to the STB prior to the date of commencement.
4.3	STB EMPOWERED TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION OR DOCUMENTS	
	Make explicit that the STB can request for any information, documents or summon any person deemed relevant to aid its assessment of an application.	Applies to all existing applications made to the STB and to all applications made on or after the date of commencement.
4.4	AN ORDER TO BIND THE MINORITY TO COSTS RELATED TO THE SALE	
	Make explicit that the STB can order costs of the sale to minority owners.	Applies to all existing applications made to the STB and to all applications made on or after the date of commencement.
4.5	TO EXPEDITE THE EN BLOC PROCESS	
	Remove provision for STB to determine compensation amount to tenants for early termination.	Applies to applications made to the STB on or after the date of commencement.