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JAWATANKUASA PEGUAM PULAU PINANG PENANG BAR COMMITTEE

Circular 14/20

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To Members of the Penang Bar,

Update : Prime Minister's Announcement on Conditional Movement Control Order and Allowing Economic Sectors to Resume Business

We refer to Circular 13/20 issued on 1 May 2020 and wish to update members on the common queries listed therein as follows:

- **whether the Courts and other Government agencies and authorities i.e. the Stamp Office, Land Registry and Land Offices nationwide will resume operations on 4 May 2020**

The Chief Registrar's Office has announced via a Media Statement dated 2 May 2020 that the status quo will remain for Courts until further instruction from the Government. Please refer to Bar Council Circular No. 124/2020 as updated today.

Based on the Chief Minister's Media Statement dated 1 May 2020, the Penang State Government will make an announcement as soon as possible after a meeting scheduled to be held on 3 May 2020.

We are currently engaging with the State Director of Lands and Mines in relation to the resumption of operations of the Land Registry and Land Offices and will update members further in due course.

- **what happens to cases that have been rescheduled during the 4th Phase of the Movement Control Order (MCO) as per our Circular Court Liaison 15/20 dated 28 Apr 2020**

Until further notice from the Chief Registrar's Office, the rescheduling of cases as announced via our previous circulars remains valid.

- **whether legal firms are still required to apply to the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) before they are allowed to resume operations & whether legal firms can disregard the MITI approvals that they have received**

Based on the information available on the Facebook page of MITI, legal firms are no longer required to apply for approval from MITI. However, for those legal firms which did not submit the application for approval from MITI, a notification/declaration must be made at <http://notification.miti.gov.my> any time before 12 May 2020.

- **what SOP should be adopted and put in place by legal firms in their offices during the CMCO period & whether there is a limit to the working hours and number of personnel permitted to be present at any one time in the office during the CMCO period**

Please refer to Bar Council Circular No. 131/2020 and any update thereto.

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