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JAWATANKUASA PEGUAM PULAU PINANG PENANG BAR COMMITTEE

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To Members of the Penang Bar,

Update No 1: Conveyancing Practice Issues related to Penang Land Registry and District Land Offices during Recovery Movement Control Order period

Further to our previous [Circular CPC 11/20](#) where we informed members of our ongoing discussions with the Office of the Director of Lands and Mines Penang (PTG Penang) and following the Technical Working Group on Registering Property (TWGRP) Online Progress Meeting called by the *Pasukan Petugas Khas Pemudahcara Perniagaan* (PEMUDAH) on 9 Jun 2020 which was also attended by representatives of PTG Penang, we have received several updates from PTG Penang's Ketua Penolong Pengarah Kanan (Hakmilik Strata), Mohd Nizam Bin Mokhtar on 10 Jun 2020 with regard to several changes to the existing Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) at PTG Penang in line with the Recovery Movement Control Order (RMCO) which is in effect from 10 Jun 2020 until 31 Aug 2020.

The summary of the new SOP are reproduced below members' information and attention:

- Booking of appointment slots - from 17 to 19 Jun 2020, an additional 100 appointment slots will be made available, making it a total of 200 slots per day. This amount will be increased gradually as PTG Penang increases its workforce periodically in the coming days and weeks.
- Land Searches - with effect from 15 Jun 2020, facilities for private land searches (*carian persendirian*) will be available on a walk-in basis from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm (Mon – Fri) and 2:45 pm to 4:00 pm (Fri) at all counters at PTG Penang, 3rd Floor Kompleks Tun Abdul Razak (KOMTAR). Members are reminded that visitors must strictly adhere to the required SOP as per PTG Penang's portal at all times.

However, firms that have already secured existing appointment slots via the PTG Penang portal for:

- “*urusniaga/bukan urusniaga*” transactions which allows for immediate title searches for the same title post-presentation; and/or
- title searches

are not to use the walk-in service but instead utilise the existing confirmed appointment slots. Members and firms' cooperation and understanding in this regard will be appreciated.

The Subcommittee will continue in our efforts to engage PTG Penang on other current and pending issues.

We continue to welcome constructive feedback and we will update members upon receipt of any further notifications or information from PTG Penang and other relevant authorities.

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