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To Members of the Penang Bar,

Update No 3: Conveyancing Practice Issues related to Penang Land Registry and District Land Offices during Recovery Movement Control Order period

In our previous Circular CPC 13/20, we informed members of several outcomes and updates pursuant to an online meeting with representatives from the Office of the Director of Lands and Mines Penang (PTG Penang) on 11 Jun 2020 to discuss issues related to the existing Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and services at PTG Penang in line with the Recovery Movement Control Order (RMCO) which is in effect from 10 Jun 2020 until 31 Aug 2020.

During the said online meeting, we had informed PTG Penang that since the inception of the appointment system via PTG Penang's portal using E-Form, many firms are either unable to secure appointments at all or only able to obtain limited appointment slots. Due to this, the completion dates for some cases have expired, thus putting the lawyers and legal firms involved in a difficult situation.

Based on our feedback, PTG Penang has agreed to process transactions for presentations involving Sale and Purchase Agreements (SPA) and Proclamations of Sale (POS) which have expired or will expire, as the case may be, during the time period between 17 Mar 2020 and 30 Jun 2020. Members/legal firms are to fill in and submit an online form via <https://forms.gle/FvEjT5AHVJJto3Qm9> to the Penang Bar Committee before 3:00 pm, 17 Jun 2020 (Wed) PROVIDED no prior appointment has already been secured with PTG Penang.

The Subcommittee will collate the online forms received from legal firms to be forwarded to PTG Penang, and PTG Penang has assured us that they will fix appointment dates and notify the legal firms involved accordingly. Members are further to take note that PTG Penang may require further documents from the respective legal firms to verify the urgency of their transactions.

We wish to emphasise that the Penang Bar Committee and Conveyancing Practice Subcommittee are merely facilitating in trying to help members get early appointments for presentation of instruments of dealings with PTG Penang and in no way are to be held responsible for any consequences howsoever arising therefrom. We further urge members to assist one another where possible in times like these.

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