



LAND ACQUISITION APPEAL UPDATE

Hearing Dates

For members' information, the Registry of Appeals Board has fixed the hearing dates for the hearing of Jurong Country Club's land acquisition compensation appeal. A total of 10 days in March 2018 has been set aside. The dates given by the Registry are 20 to 27 March 2018 and 12 to 16 April 2018.

Summary of Developments

For the purpose of updating all members, below is a summary of the developments in relation to the appeal that took place from January to August 2017:

26 January 2017: Pre-hearing conference for each side to prepare and submit their affidavits for the hearing by 16 March 2017

16 March 2017: Parties applied for an extension of time to 3 April 2017

3 April 2017: First round of affidavits submitted by both sides

19 April 2017: Pre-hearing conference for further directions on responses to the first round of affidavits. Both sides had reviewed the first round and indicated that they each wished to file responses. Accordingly, the responses were directed to be filed by 31 May 2017. As the Collector had not included all of JCC's claim and supporting documents in his affidavit, permission was also given to JCC to supplement the Collector's affidavit with a further factual affidavit from the Club's management

27 April 2017: Our lawyers Rajah & Tann wrote to the Attorney General's Chambers (AGC) to inquire if they had any objections to a further affidavit to be filed by the Club to supplement the Collector's affidavit

3 May 2017: AGC responded to indicate that they had no objections to a further affidavit to be filed by the Club by 17 May 2017, and proposed that any reply to this affidavit, plus the second round affidavits, would be filed by 14 June 2017

12 May 2017: Pre-hearing conference. By agreement, deadlines for the reply affidavits were set as 14 June 2017

2 June 2017: By agreement between parties, the deadline for the reply affidavits were extended to 28 June 2017

28 June 2017: Second round of affidavits filed by both sides.

13 July 2017: Commissioner's Pre-hearing conference. Called by the Commissioner of Appeals Board to (1) decide whether AGC's request for certain issues should be heard as preliminary issues; and (2) set hearing dates. At the Commissioner's Pre-hearing Conference, the AGC's request was denied, and parties were directed to find common hearing dates for an initial ten-day period.

8 August 2017: Following discussions between parties on availability (including of expert witnesses and Appeals Board) directions were given by Registry for hearing dates to be fixed for 20 to 27 March 2018 (7 hearing days) and 12 to 16 April 2018 (3 hearing days)

15 August 2017: Directions given for parties to file their agreed statement of facts and agreed bundle of documents by 29 September 2017

Next Steps

The GC will continue to take all steps with the club's lawyers, Messrs Rajah & Tann, to prepare JCC's case for the hearing of the appeal next March. Members will be kept informed and updated as and when there are any further developments.

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