Part I: Company Law

A. BUSINESS VEHICLES

Tan Cheng Han, ed., Walter Woon on Company Law, Revised 3rd ed. (2009) ("Woon"), Chapter 1; Business Names Registration Act, Partnership Act; Limited Partnership Act; Limited Liability Partnerships Act; Companies Act, sections 2, 4, 17, 18, 30-32, 38, 365 - 386

- Registration of businesses
- Partnerships and Limited Partnerships
- Limited liability partnerships
- Unlimited companies
- Private companies and exempt private companies
- Public companies (including companies limited by guarantee)
- Listed companies
- Foreign companies registered in Singapore

B. INCORPORATION AND ITS CONSEQUENCES

Woon, Chapter 2. Companies Act, sections 5-6, 17-20A, 41

- Separate entity doctrine
- Definition of related companies
- The concept of a group of companies
- Perpetual succession
- Lifting the veil of incorporation

Selected cases
Asteroid Maritime Co Ltd v The owners of the Saudi Al Jubail [1987] SGHC 71

‘The Skaw Prince’ [1994] 3 SLR(R) 146

Win Line (UK) Ltd v Masterpart (Singapore) Pte Ltd [1999] 2 SLR(R) 24

TV Media Pte Ltd v De Cruz Andrea Heidi [2004] 3 SLR(R) 543

New Line Productions, Inc and another v Aglow Video Pte Ltd [2005] 3 SLR(R) 660

Singapore Tourism Board v Children’s Media Ltd [2008] 3 SLR(R) 981

Zim Integrated Shipping Services Ltd v Dafni Igal [2010] 2 SLR 426

Prest v Petrodel Resources Ltd [2013] 3 WLR 1

Alwie Handoyo v Tjong Very Sumito [2013] 4 SLR 308

C. THE CONSTITUTION

Woon, Chapter 4. Companies Act, sections 4(13), 22, 26, 26A, 33, 35-37, 39, Companies (Model Constitutions) Regulations 2015

- Adoption of model constitution
- Contractual effect of the constitution
- Alteration of the constitution
- Restrictions on alteration
- Alteration of objects
- Entrenchment provisions
- Shareholders’ agreements

Selected cases

Malayan Banking Ltd v Raffles Hotel Ltd [1965-1967] SLR(R) 161

Teo Choong Mong Frank v Wilh Schulz GmbH [1998] 2 SLR(R) 312

Sembcorp Marine Ltd v PPL Holdings Pte Ltd [2013] 4 SLR 193


D. CAPACITY AND POWERS OF A COMPANY

Woon, Chapter 3. Companies Act, sections 23-25A

- Objects and powers
- Effect of ultra vires transactions
Selected cases

Banque Bruxelles Lambert v Puvaria Packaging Industries (Pte) Ltd [1994] 1 SLR(R) 736

E. AGENCY IN RELATION TO COMPANIES


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- Implied authority
- Usual authority
- Ostensible authority
- Ratification
- The “indoor management” rule
- Power of directors to bind company and the limit of such powers

Selected cases

Banque Bruxelles Lambert v Puvaria Packaging Industries (Pte) Ltd [1994] 1 SLR(R) 736

SPP Ltd v Chew Beng Gim [1993] 3 SLR(R) 17

Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB v Asia-Pacific Breweries (Singapore) Pte Ltd [2011] SGCA 22

F. MEETINGS, RESOLUTIONS AND VOTING


ACRA How To Guide on Applying for Extension to Hold AGM (Section 175)

- Division of powers between the board and general meeting
- Types of general meetings
- Timelines to hold annual general meetings and extension of time
- Calling of meetings
- Passing of resolutions
- Irregularities

Selected cases

Chan Siew Lee v TYC Investment Pte Ltd [2015] SGCA 40

Credit Development Pte Ltd v IMO Pte Ltd [1993] 1 SLR(R) 68

Polybuilding (S) Pte Ltd v Lim Heng Lee [2001] 2 SLR(R) 12

Paillart Philippe Marcel Etienne v Eban Stuart Ashley [2007] 1 SLR(R) 132
Tong Keng Meng v Inno-Pacific Holdings Ltd [2001] 3 SLR(R) 311
Jimat bin Awang v Lai Wee Ngen [1995] 3 SLR(R) 496
Golden Harvest Films Distribution (Pte) Ltd v Golden Village Multiplex Pte Ltd [2007] 1 SLR(R) 940
The Oriental Insurance Co Ltd v Reliance National Asia Re Pte Ltd [2008] 3 SLR(R) 121
Thio Keng Poo v Thio Syn Pyn [2010] 3 SLR 143
Chang Benety v Tang Kin Fei [2012] 1 SLR 274 (Court of Appeal, Singapore)
Lim Kok Wah v Lim Boh Yong [2015] 5 SLR 307
Lim Yew Ming v Aik Chuan Construction Pte Ltd and others [2015] SGHC 101

G. THE COMPANY SECRETARY

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- Shadow directors
- Remuneration of directors
- Payments for loss of office
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Selected cases
Raffles Hotel Ltd v Malayan Banking Ltd [1965-1967] SLR(R) 161
Raffles Town Club Pte Ltd v Lim Eng Hock Peter [2010] SGHC 163
Goh Kim Hai Edward v Pacific Can Investment Holdings Ltd [1996] 1 SLR(R) 540
Quek Leng Chye v Attorney-General [1985-1986] SLR(R) 282
Lee Huay Kok v Attorney-General [2001] 3 SLR(R) 287


Ong Chow Hong v Public Prosecutor [2011] SGHC 93


Goh Kim Hai Edward v Pacific Can Investment Holdings Ltd [1996] 1 SLR(R) 540

Heap Huat Rubber Company Sdn Bhd v Kong Choot Sian [2004] SGCA 12 (Court of Appeal)

Grinsted Edward John v Britannia Brands (Holding) Pte Ltd [1996] 1 SLR(R) 743

SAL Industrial Leasing Ltd v Lin Hwee Guan [1998] 3 SLR(R) 31

I. DIRECTORS’ DUTIES AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE


- Directors’ fiduciary duties
- Directors’ statutory duties
- Directors’ duties of care, skill and diligence
- Ratification and authorisation
- Relief from liability
- Insolvent trading, fraudulent trading
- Financial relations with the company
- Nominee directors
- Corruption
- Criminal breach of trust
- Disclosure requirements of chief executive officers

Selected cases

Townsing Henry George v Jenton Overseas Investment Pte Ltd [2007] 2 SLR(R) 597

Guy Neale and others v Nine Squares Pty Ltd [2014] SGCA 64

Cheam Tat Pang v Public Prosecutor [1996] 1 SLR(R) 161

Tan Tze Chye v Public Prosecutor [1997] 1 SLR(R) 876

Lim Weng Kee v Public Prosecutor [2002] 2 SLR(R) 848

Chua Boon Chin v McCormack John Maxwell and others [1979-1980] SLR(R) 121

Kumagai-Zenecon Construction Pte Ltd v Low Hua Kin [1999] 3 SLR(R) 1049 (High Court) affirmed [2000] 2 SLR (R) 689 (Court of Appeal)

Vita Health Laboratories Pte Ltd and Others v Pang Seng Meng [2004] 4 SLR 162
W&P Piling Pte Ltd v Chew Yin What [2007] 4 SLR(R) 218

Liquidator of Leong Seng Hin Piling Pte Ltd v Chan Ah Lek [2007] 2 SLR(R) 77

Liquidators of Progen Engineering Pte Ltd v Progen Holdings Ltd [2010] 4 SLR 1089

Dynasty Line Ltd v Sukamto Sia [2014] 3 SLR 277

Intraco Ltd v Multi-Pak Singapore Pte Ltd [1994] 3 SLR(R) 1064

Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp Ltd v Justlogin Pte Ltd [2004] 2 SLR(R) 675

Caltong (Australia) Pty Ltd v Tong Tien See Construction Pte Ltd [2002] 2 SLR(R) 94

Tokuhon (Pte) Ltd v Seow Kang Hong [2003] 4 SLR(R) 414

Kea Holdings Pte Ltd v Gan Boon Hock [2000] 2 SLR(R) 333

SPP Ltd v Chew Beng Gim [1993] 3 SLR(R) 17

Kwee Seng Chio Peter v Biogenics Sdn Bhd [2003] 2 SLR(R) 482

Creanovate Pte Ltd v Firstlink Energy Pte Ltd [2007] 4 SLR(R) 780

Yeo Geok Seng v Public Prosecutor [1999] 3 SLR(R) 896

Dayco Products Singapore Pte Ltd v Ong Cheng Aik [2004] 4 SLR(R) 318

Chew Kong Huat v Ricwil (Singapore) Pte Ltd [1999] 3 SLR(R) 1167

Mahesan v Malaysian Government Officers’ Co-operative Housing Society [1978] 1 MLJ 149
(Privy Council on appeal from Malaysia)

Thahir Kartika Ratna v PT Pertambangan Minyak dan Gas Bumi Negara [1994] 3 SLR(R) 312

Leong Wai Kay v Carrefour Singapore Pte Ltd [2007] 3 SLR(R) 78

Swiss Butchery Pte Ltd v Huber Ernst [2010] 3 SLR 813

Tan Hup Thye v Refco (Singapore) Pte Ltd [2010] 3 SLR 1069

Dovechem Holdings Pte Ltd (in liquidation) and others v Ng Joo Soon (alias Nga Ju Soon) [2011] SGCA 35

Yong Kheng Leong and another v Panweld Trading Pte Ltd and another [2012] SGCA59

Tang Yoke Kheng (trading as Niklex Supply Co) v Lek Benedict (No 2) [2005] 3 SLR(R) 263

Ho Kang Peng v Scintronix Corp Ltd (formerly known as TTL Holdings Ltd) [2014] SGCA 22

Tanaka Lumber Pte Ltd v Datuk Haji Mohammad Tufail bin Mahmud and another (Dato Ting
Check Sii and another, third parties) [2015] SGHC 276

Jetivia SA and another v Bilta (UK) Limited and others [2015] UKSC 23 / Bilta (UK) Ltd (in
liquidation) and others v Nazir and others (No 2) [2015] 2 WLR 1168
J. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDIT

Woon, Chapter 10. Companies Act, sections 199, 201, 205-209A,

ACRA How To Guide on Applying for Extension of Time to Present the Accounts at AGM (Section 201)

ACRA Practice Direction No. 5 of 2015: Effect of Companies (Amendment) Act 2014 on Sections 200, 201(12) and 202 of the Companies Act

ACRA Practice Direction No. 6 of 2015: Effect of Companies (Amendment) Act 2014 on Sections relating to Financial Reporting in the Companies Act

- Company financial statements and financial reporting standards
- Appointment, remuneration and removal of auditors
- Timing to appoint auditors and file financial statements
- Exemption from filing financial statements
- Applications for exemption as to form and content of financial statements
- Extension of time
- Auditors’ duties
- Auditors’ negligence

Selected cases

Tarling Richard Charles v Public Prosecutor [1981-1982] SLR(R) 1

Khoo Ban Hock v Public Prosecutor [1988] 3 MLJ 22

Wuu Khek Chiang George v ECRC Land Pte Ltd [1999] 2 SLR(R) 352

Ikumene Singapore Pte Ltd v Leong Chee Leng [1993] 2 SLR(R) 480

JSI Shipping (S) Pte Ltd v Teofoongwongcloong [2007] 4 SLR(R) 460

PlanAssure PAC v Gaelic Inns Pte Ltd [2007] 4 SLR(R) 513

Standard Chartered Bank v Coopers & Lybrand [1993] 3 SLR(R) 29

Hau Tau Khang v Sanur Indonesian Restaurant Pte Ltd and another (Hau Tau Thong, non-party) and another matter [2011] 3 SLR 1128

K. SHAREHOLDERS’ REMEDIES


- The oppression remedy
- Winding up on the “just and equitable” ground
- The rule in Foss v Harbottle
- Common law derivative actions
• The statutory derivative action

Selected cases

Re S Q Wong Holdings (Pte) Ltd [1987] SLR(R) 286
Re Gee Hoe Chan Trading Co Pte [1991] 2 SLR(R)114
Re Tri-Circle Investment Pte Ltd [1993] 1 SLR(R) 441
Tullio Planeta v Maoro Andrea G [1994] 2 SLR(R) 501
Low Peng Boon v Low Janie [1999] 1 SLR(R) 337
Yeo Hung Khiang v Dickson Investment (Singapore) Pte Ltd [1999] 1 SLR(R) 773
Kitnasamy Marudapan v Nagatheran Manogar [2000] 1 SLR(R) 542
Ng Sing King v PSA International Pte Ltd [2005] 2 SLR(R) 56
Sim Yong Kim v Evenstar Investments Pte Ltd [2006] 1 SLR(R) 685
Ting Shwu Ping v Autopack Pte Ltd [2016] 2 SLR 152
Lim Swee Khiang v Borden Co (Pte) Ltd [2006] 4 SLR(R) 745
Summit Co (S) Pte Ltd v Pacific Biosciences Pte Ltd [2007] 1 SLR(R) 46
Tan Choon Yong v Goh Jon Keat [2009] 3 SLR(R) 840
Over & Over Ltd. v Bonvest Holdings Ltd [2010] 2 SLR 776
Ezion Holdings Ltd v Teras Cargo Transport Pte Ltd [2016] 5 SLR 226
Thio Keng Poo v Thio Syn Pyn [2010] 3 SLR 143
Teo Gek Luang v Ng Ai Tiong [1998] 2 SLR(R) 426
Hengwell Development Pte Ltd v Thing Chiang Ching [2002] 2 SLR(R) 454
Pang Yong Hock v PKS Contracts Services Pte Ltd [2004] 3 SLR(R) 1
Petroships Investment Pte Ltd v Wealthplus Pte Ltd [2016] SGCA 17
Ting Sing Ning v Ting Chek Swee [2008] 1 SLR(R) 197
Sinwa SS (HK) Co Ltd v Morten Innaug [2010] 4 SLR 1
Tam Tak Chuen v Eden Aesthetics Pte Ltd [2010] 2 SLR 667
Urs Meisterhans v GIP Pte Ltd [2011] 1 SLR 552
Tan Chin Hoon and others v Tan Choo Suan and others [2010] SGHC 340
Fong Wai Lyn Carolyn v Airtrust (Singapore) Pte Ltd [2011] SGHC 88
L. CORPORATE CRIME

Woon, Chapter 3, pp 118-124; Yeo, Morgan & Chan Criminal Law in Malaysia and Singapore (2007), Chapter 37

- Attribution of mens rea to a company
- Personal liability of directors and managers for crimes
- Punishment

Selected cases

Trade Facilities Pte Ltd v Public Prosecutor [1995] 2 SLR(R) 7
Tom-Reck Security Services Pte Ltd v Public Prosecutor [2001] 1 SLR(R) 327
Angliss Singapore Pte Ltd v Public Prosecutor [2006] 4 SLR(R) 653
Auston International Group Ltd v Public Prosecutor [2008] 1 SLR(R) 882
Lim Kopi Pte Ltd v Public Prosecutor [2010] 2 SLR(R) 413

M. SHARES

Woon, Chapter 11. Companies Act, sections 62A, 74, 121, 123, 125-130AB, 196A-196D

- Types of shares
- No par value shares
- Issue of shares
- Share certificates
- Electronic register of members
- Ownership of shares
- Transfer of shares
- Share transfer restrictions
- Class rights

Selected cases

Lian Hwee Choo Phebe v Maxz Universal Development Group Pte Ltd [2009] 2 SLR(R) 624
Look Chun Heng v Asia Insurance Co Ltd [1952] MLJ 33
EG Tan & Co (Pte) v Lim & Tan (Pte) [1985-1986] SLR(R) 1081
Pacrim Investments Pte Ltd v Tan Mui Keow Claire [2008] 2 SLR(R) 898
Encus International Pte Ltd v Tenacious Investment Pte Ltd and others [2016] 2 SLR 1178
Xiamen International Bank v Sing Eng (Pte) Ltd [1993] 2 SLR(R) 176
HSBC (Malaysia) Trustee Bhd v Soon Cheong Pte Ltd [2007] 1 SLR (R) 65
Auston International Group Ltd Another v Ng Swee Hua [2009] 4 SLR(R) 628

N. MAINTENANCE AND REDUCTION OF CAPITAL

Woon, Chapter 12. Companies Act, sections 7A, 76-76K, 78A-78K, 403

- Prohibition on return of assets to members
- Financial assistance for the acquisition of shares
- Acquisition of own shares by the company (Share buybacks)
- Reduction of capital
- Payment of dividends

Selected cases

Merchant Credit Pte Ltd v Industrial & Commercial Realty Co Ltd [1983-84] SLR(R) 13
Intraco Ltd v Multi-Pak Singapore Pte Ltd [1994] 3 SLR(R) 1064
Public Prosecutor v Lew Syn Pau [2006] 4 SLR(R) 210
Wu Yang Construction Group Ltd v Mao Yong Hui [2008] 2 SLR(R) 350

O. STRIKING-OFF

Companies Act, section 344-344G

ACRA Guidelines on Submitting an Application for Striking-off a Company

- Types of striking-off
- Striking off requirements
- Striking off procedure
Part II: Corporate Insolvency

See generally:


2. *Law and Practice of Corporate Insolvency* (LexisNexis, 2014) (Andrew Chan, General Editor)

3. *Woon’s Corporations Law, Chapters L, M, N and O* (Lexis-Nexis) (Gregory Vijayendran, Updating Editor, Wee Meng Seng, Sub-editor)

4. *Walter Woon on Company Law* (3rd Rev edn), Chapter 13, 16 and 17 (Tan Cheng Han, General Editor)

A. CORPORATE INSOLVENCY- SOURCES OF LAW

See generally:

1. Law and Practice of Corporate Insolvency (LexisNexis, 2014) [Chapt I]


Statutory Materials

Arrangements, reconstructions and amalgamations

(Part VII, Sections 210 to 216A of the Companies Act)

- (Note: Sections 211B to 221J – amendments in May 2017 to the corporate insolvency regime relating to arrangements, reconstructions and amalgamations)

Companies (Proofs of Debt in Schemes of Arrangement) Regulations 2017

Companies (Prescribed Arrangements) Regulations 2017

Companies (Prescribed Companies and Entities) Order 2017

Receivers and Managers

(Part VIII, Sections 217 to 227 of the Companies Act)

Judicial Management

(Part VIII A, Sections 227A to 227X of the Companies Act) (Section 227X makes applicable or potentially applicable provisions of Part X of the Companies Act)

(Section 227T makes applicable to company in judicial management certain provisions of the Bankruptcy Act, and this should be read with the Companies (Application of Bankruptcy Act Provisions) Regulations)

- (Note: New section 227AA (definition of certain terms) and section 227HA (super-priority to rescue financing) - amendments in May 2017 to the corporate insolvency regime relating to judicial management))

Companies Regulations
Companies (Prescribed Arrangements) Regulations 2017

Companies (Prescribed Companies and Entities) Order 2017

Re Engineering Construction (Pte) Ltd (under judicial management) [1992] 2 SLR(R) 435

Chew Eu Hock Construction Co Pte Ltd (under judicial management) v Central Provident Fund Board [2003] 4 SLR(R) 137

Hitachi Plant Engineering & Construction Co Ltd v Eltraco International Pte Ltd [2003] 4 SLR(R) 384

Re Wan Soon Construction Pte Ltd [2005] 3 SLR(R) 375

Neo Corp Pte Ltd (in liquidation) v Neocorp Innovations Pte Ltd [2006] 2 SLR(R) 717

Altus Technologies Pte Ltd (under judicial management) v Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp Ltd [2009] 4 SLR(R) 296

**Liquidation**

(Part X, Sections 247 to 354, 354A to 354C, and 377 of the Companies Act)

- Note: Recent amendments to sections 253, 254, 372, 320, 351 of the Companies Act and new section 344H – obligation of former officer to ensure retention of books and papers upon striking off of company for a period of 5 years.

Section 327(2) and 329 makes applicable to company in liquidation certain provisions of the Bankruptcy Act. In the case of Section 329, this should be read with the Companies (Application of Bankruptcy Act Provisions) Regulations.

Companies (Winding Up) Rules

Companies (Maximum Amount Payable in Priority in Winding Up) Order 2015

Companies Regulations

Civil Law Act: Section 4(1)

Re City Securities Pte [1995] 2 SLR(R) 746

Good Property Land Development Pte Ltd (in liquidation) v Société-Générale [1996] 1 SLR(R) 884

Re PCChit Computer Manufacturer (S) Pte Ltd (in compulsory liquidation) [2001] 2 SLR(R) 180

Panorama Development Pte Ltd (in liquidation) v Fitzroya Investments Pte Ltd and another [2003] 1 SLR(R) 93

Show Theatres Pte Ltd (in liquidation) v Shaw Theatres Pte Ltd [2002] 1 SLR(R) 578

**Bankruptcy Act/Bankruptcy Rules (as imported)**

Sections 98 to 100 and 103 of the Bankruptcy Act (antecedent transactions)
Note that via Section 4(1) of the Civil Law Act, Section 327(2) of the Companies Act and the bankruptcy provisions, rules relating to rights of creditors, secured and unsecured, proofs of debts, valuation of annuities and set-off may also be imported.

**Registration of Charges**

Part IV, Division 8 of the Companies Act (Section 131 to 137)

**Rules of Court**

(Electronic Filing Service provisions, Order 88 rule 2(5) and Order 1 rule 2(4))

*Kuah Kok Kim v Chong Lee Leong Seng Co (Pte) Ltd* [1991] 1 SLR(R) 795

*Tohru Motobayashi v Official Receiver and another* [2000] 3 SLR(R) 435

*Woodcliff Assets Ltd v Reflexology and Holistic Health Academy and Others* [2009] SGHC 162

*Woodcliff Assets Ltd v Reflexology and Holistic Health Academy Pte Ltd and others* [2010] SGHC 315

Inherent jurisdiction

Note: Rules of court generally applicable in judicial management.

**B. WINDING UP – OVERVIEW**

**Types of Winding-Up**

2 main types of liquidation:

Voluntary Liquidation / Compulsory Liquidation:

**Voluntary Liquidation**

Companies Act (Cap 50): Sections 290(1), 291, 293 and 295(1)

Members’ Voluntary Winding-Up ("MVL")

Companies Act Part X and Companies (Winding Up) Rules

Conversion of MVL to CVL: (Companies Act Section 295(1))

**Creditors’ Voluntary Winding-Up (“CVL”)**

Companies Act Part X, Companies (Winding Up) Rules and applicable bankruptcy provisions.

Compulsory winding up

Companies Act, Part X, Companies (Winding Up) Rules and applicable bankruptcy provisions.
(1) Court Winding Up (Procedure)

Winding-Up by the Court: Inability of Company to Pay Debts

Locus Standi to apply for winding up order

Companies Act: Section 253

Re People’s Parkway Development Pte Ltd [1991] 2 SLR(R) 567
Stongate Securities Ltd v Gregory [1980] 1 All ER 241
Re Crigglestone Coal Ltd [1906] 2 Ch. 327
Miharja Development Sdn Bhd & Ors v Tan Sri Datuk Loy Hean Heong & Ors and another application [1995] 1 MLJ 101

Inability to pay debts/Tests for insolvency

Companies Act: Sections 254(1)(e) and 254(2)

Re Great Eastern Hotel (Pte) Ltd [1988] 2 SLR(R) 276
Chip Thye Enterprises Pte Ltd v Phay Gi Mo [2004] 1 SLR(R) 434
Australian Property Group Pte Ltd v H.A. & Chung Partnership [2015] SGHC 147
Re Cheyne Finance plc (No 2) [2007] EWHC 2402 (Ch)
Cornhill Insurance plc v Improvement Services Ltd [1986] 1 WLR 114
BNY Corporate Trustee Services Ltd and others v Eurosaia-UK 2007-3BL plc [2013] 1 WLR 1408

Presumption of insolvency

Companies Act: Section 254

Pac-Asian Services Pte Ltd v European Asian Bank AG [1987] SLR(R) 6
Ng Tai Tuan v Chng Gim Huat Pte Ltd [1990] 2 SLR(R) 231
Re Dayang Construction and Engineering Pte Ltd [2002] 2 SLR(R) 197
BNP Paribas v Jurong Shipyard Pte Ltd [2009] 2 SLR(R) 949
United Overseas Bank Ltd v Bombay Talkies (S) Pte Ltd [2015] SGHC 142
Comptroller of Income Tax v BLO [2017] SGHC 50
Lee Eng Beng, Excessive Statutory Demands in Winding Up and Bankruptcy [1997] SJLS 532
The Court’s Discretion in Making the Winding-Up Order

Disputing a debt on substantial grounds

Companies Act: Section 257

*BNP Paribas v Jurong Shipyard Pte Ltd* [2009] 2 SLR(R) 949

*Chimbusco International Petroleum (Singapore) Pte Ltd v Jalalludin bin Abdullah and other matters* [2013] 2 SLR 801

*Mohd Zain bin Abdullah v Chimbusco International Petroleum (Singapore) Pte Ltd and another appeal* [2014] 2 SLR 446

*S E Shipping Lines Pte Ltd v Austral Asia Line Pte Ltd* [2012] SGHC 220

*Metalfom Asia Pte Ltd v Holland Leedon Pte Ltd* [2007] 2 SLR(R) 268

*Strategic Construction Pte Ltd v JH Projects Pte Ltd* [2017] SGHC 238

*Comptroller of Income Tax v BLO* [2017] SGHC 50

*Re Bentimi Pte Ltd* [2003] SGHC 92

*Re Bayoil SA* [1999] 1 All ER 374

Having regard to the wishes of creditors and contributories and other factors (e.g. employees)

Companies Act: Sections 257 and 325

*BNP Paribas v Jurong Shipyard Pte Ltd* [2009] 2 SLR(R) 949

*Raiffeisen Zentralbank Osterreich AG v Continental Chemical Corp Pte Ltd* [2010] 3 SLR 76

Where company is already in voluntary winding up

Companies Act: Sections 253(2)(d), 255(1)

*Korea Asset Management Corporation v Daewoo Singapore Pte Ltd* [2004] 1 SLR(R) 671

*Petroships Investment Pte Ltd v Wealthplus Pte Ltd (in members’ voluntary liquidation) (Koh Brothers Building & Civil Engineering Contractor (Pte) Ltd* [2017] SGHC 122

(2) Creditor’s Voluntary Winding Up

See generally:

2. *Law and Practice of Corporate Insolvency* (LexisNexis, 2014) (Chapter VI, 2701-2951)
3. *Woon’s Corporations Law*, (Lexis-Nexis) (Chapter O; 3304-3403)
Korea Asset Management Corp v Daewoo Singapore Pte Ltd (in liquidation) [2004] 1 SLR(R) 671

Seagate Technology Pte Ltd v Goh Han Kim [1994] 3 SLR(R) 836

Re Lehman Brothers Finance Asia Pte Ltd (in creditors’ voluntary liquidation) [2013] 1 SLR 64

(3) Effect Of Winding Up (Including Commencement Of Winding Up)

See generally:


Law and Practice of Corporate Insolvency (LexisNexis, 2014) [Chapt VI 753-801] and [Chapt VI 1402 to 1552]

Woon’s Corporations Law (Lexis-Nexis) Chapter O, [951 to 954 and 1504]

Commencement of Winding Up

Companies Act: Sections 255, 291(6)

Effect of the Winding up

Where beneficial interest in assets lie

Ayerst v C & K (Construction) Ltd [1976] AC 167 (HL)

Ng Wei Teck Michael v OCBC Ltd [1998] 1 SLR(R) 778

Power Knight Pte Ltd v Natural Fuel Pte Ltd [2010] 3 SLR 82

Moratorium on legal and enforcement proceedings

Companies Act: Sections 258, 259, 260, 262(3), 299, 334

Re Tiong Polestar Engineering Pte Ltd [2003] 4 SLR(R) 1

Re Wan Soon Construction Pte Ltd [2005] 3 SLR(R) 375

Excalibur Group Pte Ltd v Goh Boon Kok [2012] 2 SLR 999

Principles applicable in court granting leave to commence or continue proceedings

Hull 308, The [1991] 2 SLR(R) 643

Jumabhoy Rafiq v Scotts Investment (Singapore) Pte Ltd (in compulsory liquidation) [2003] 2 SLR(R) 422
Effect on contracts

Companies Act: Sections 294(2), 297(4)

Harrick Engineering Pte Ltd and another v Singapore Finance Ltd and another action [1997] 2 SLR(R) 609

Larsen Oil and Gas Pte Ltd v Petroprod Ltd (in official liquidation in the Cayman Islands and in compulsory liquidation in Singapore) [2011] 3 SLR 414

Meng Seng Wee ‘Insolvency and the Survival of Contracts’ [2005] JBL 494

(4) Substantive Consequences Following Winding Up

See generally:


2. *Law and Practice of Corporate Insolvency* (LexisNexis, 2014) [Chapt VII]

3. *Woon’s Corporations Law* (Lexis-Nexis) [Chapter O, 5753 – 6151]


Disclaimer of onerous properties

See generally:


*Law and Practice of Corporate Insolvency* (LexisNexis, 2014) [Chapt VII 2455] and [Chapt VII 2355-2700]

*Woon’s Corporations Law* (Lexis-Nexis) [Chapter O, 6102-6151]

Statutory materials

Companies Act: Sections 332(1)(c), 277, 278, 298 and 332

Quasi-security and other proprietary interests

*Re David Lloyd & Co* (1877) 6 ChD 339

*Aluminium Industrie Vaassen BV v Romalpa Aluminium Ltd* [1976] 2 All ER 552

*Barclays Bank v Quistclose Investments* [1970] AC 567

*Re Kayford Ltd* [1975] 1 All ER 604

*Mac-Jordan Construction Ltd v Brookmont Erostin* [1992] BCLC 350
Anti-Deprivation Rule

Belmont Park Investments PTY Limited v BNY Corporate Trustee Services Limited and Lehman Brothers Special Financing Inc [2012] 1 AC 383

Avoidance Provisions

See generally:

(1) Law and Practice of Corporate Insolvency (LexisNexis) [Chapt VII 401-2351]

(2) Halsbury’s Laws of Singapore on Insolvency, Volume 13 (2011, LexisNexis Singapore), [150.701 - 150.785]

(3) Woon’s Corporations Law [Chapter O, 5753 – 6101]

Registrable but unregistered charges

Companies Act: Section 131

Dresdner Bank v Ho Mun-Tuke Don [1992] 3 SLR(R) 307

Ng Wei Teck v OCBC [1998] 1 SLR(R) 778

Smith v Bridgend CBC [2001] 3 WLR 1347

Duncan, Cameron Lindsay and another v Diablo Fortune Inc and another matter [2017] SGHC 172

Lee Eng Beng, Unregistered Creditor versus Unregistered Charge (1998) 10 SAcLJ 241

Transactions at an undervalue

Bankruptcy Act: Sections 98, 100 and 102

Companies (Application of Bankruptcy Act Provisions) Regulations

Companies Act: Section 329 and 331

Bankruptcy Act: Section 98

Parakou Shipping Pte Ltd (in liquidation) v Liu Cheng Chan and others [2017] SGHC 15

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Agricultural Mortgage Corporation v Woodward [1995] 1 BCLC 1

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(6) Claims Against The Company

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(1) Halsbury’s Laws of Singapore on Insolvency, Volume 13 (2011, LexisNexis Singapore) [150.042 to 150.084]

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(Note: amendment to section 227B of the Companies Act regarding the circumstances in which the Court will may make an order for judicial management)

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(2) Limits To The Court’s Jurisdiction To Make A Judicial Management Order
Companies Act: Sections 227(B)(5), 227(B)(6) and 227(B)(7)
(Note: amendment to section 227B of the Companies Act)

(3) Effect Of A Judicial Management Order

Statutory moratorium
Companies Act: Section 227C and 227D
(Note: Amendment to section 227D(4) regarding the statutory moratorium when a judicial management is in force)


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Leave to proceed with action prohibited by moratorium

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Moratorium does not extinguish right of interest

Re Boonann Construction Pte Ltd [2000] 2 SLR(R) 399

Judicial manager to exercise the powers of management, and displacement of management
Companies Act Section 227G(2); 11th Schedule of the Companies Act

Judicial manager barred from repayment of debts to which company was subject unless sanctioned by court or towards discharging security etc.
Companies Act Section 227G(6)
(4) The Judicial Manager

Eligibility
Companies Act Section 227B(3); Section 227F

Duties and liabilities of the judicial manager
Companies Act: Sections 227E, 227G; 227H, 227I, Section 227R and 11th Schedule

*Cendekia Candranegara Tjiang v Yin Kum Choy and others* [2002] 2 SLR(R) 283

*Kotjo Johannes Budisutrisno v Ng Wei Teck Michael and others* [2001] 2 SLR(R) 784

Lee Eng Beng, “Personal Liability Of Judicial Managers and Receivers under the Companies Act” [1996] 8 SAcLJ 249

General powers
Companies Act Section 227G and 11th Schedule of the Companies Act

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Access to information
Companies Act Sections 227K, 227L and 227W

(Note: Amendment to section 227K of the Companies Act – removing the need for advertisement in Chinese local daily newspaper)

Power to challenge prior and other transactions
Companies Act Section 227T and 227X(b)

Sections 98 to 100 and 103 of the Bankruptcy Act (antecedent transactions)

*Re Wan Soon Construction Pte Ltd* [2005] 3 SLR(R) 375

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*Attorney-General v. Wan Soon Construction* [2005] SGDC 6

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Meeting to consider the judicial manager’s proposals
Companies Act: Section 227M and 227N
(Note: amendment to sections 227M and 227N of the Companies Act – removing the need for advertisement in Chinese local daily newspaper)

Companies Regulations: Regulations 55 to 77

*Halsbury’s Laws of Singapore on Insolvency*, Volume 13 (2011, LexisNexis Singapore) [150.076 to 150.081]

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*Re Engineering Construction (Pte) Ltd (under judicial management)* [1992] 2 SLR(R) 435

(5) **Discharge From Judicial Management**

**Duty to apply to court for discharge if the purposes specified in the order has been achieved or is incapable of achievement**

Companies Act Section 227Q; Section 227R(3)(d)

**Failure of creditor’s meeting to approve judicial manager’s statement of proposals**

Companies Act Section 227N(4)

(Note: amendment to section 227N of the Companies Act – removing the need for advertisement in Chinese local daily newspaper)

(6) **Remuneration And Termination Of Judicial Manager/Management**

See generally:

1. *Law and Practice of Corporate Insolvency* (LexisNexis 2014) [Chapter IV 2501 - 2603]
3. Companies Act: Sections 227B, 227J, 227Q

**Remuneration of judicial manager**

*Re Econ Corp Ltd (in provisional liquidation)* [2004] 2 SLR(R) 264

**Termination of the office of judicial manager**

Termination via order of Court: Companies Act Section 227J(1)

Resignation: Companies Act: Companies Act Section 227J(1)

Cessation of status as approved company auditor: Companies Act Section 227J(2)

Discharge of Order: Companies Act Sections 227Q(1) and 227Q(2)

Expiry of judicial management order: Companies Act Sections 227B(8) and 227J(2)
 Requirement to vacate office upon discharge of judicial management order and notify registrar/apply to court for order of discharge: Companies Act: Sections 227J(2) and 227Q(3)

D. RECEIVERSHIP

See generally:

(1) *Halsbury’s Laws of Singapore on Insolvency*, Volume 13 (2011, LexisNexis Singapore) [150.088 to 150.300]

(2) *Woon’s Corporations Law, Chapter M* (Lexis-Nexis)

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(1) Appointment Of A Receiver

*Cryne v. Barclays Bank plc* [1987] BCLC 548

*Re Jaffe Ltd (in liq) v Jaffe (No 2)* [1932] NZLR 195

*Bank of Baroda v. Panessar* [1986] 3 All ER 751

*Roberto Building Material Pte Ltd v. OCBC Ltd* [2003] 3 SLR(R) 217

*Sheppard & Cooper Ltd v. TSB Bank plc (No 2)* [1996] 2 All ER 654

(2) Duties Of Debenture Holder When Deciding Whether To Exercise Power Of Appointment

*Roberto Building Material Pte Ltd v. OCBC Ltd* [2003] 3 SLR(R) 217

*Re Potters Oils Ltd (No 2)* [1986] 1 All ER 890

(3) Effect Of Appointment Of Receiver


*Haw Par Brothers International Ltd v Overseas Textiles Co Ltd* [1977-1978] SLR(R) 352

(4) Qualifications Of Receiver

Companies Act: Section 217

(5) Receiver’s Status

*Gebrueder Buehler AG v Chi Man Kwong Peter and others* [1988] 1 SLR(R) 185

*Gomba Holdings UK Ltd v Minories Finance Ltd* [1989] 1 All ER 261
(6) Powers Of Receiver
Statutory: Companies Act: Section 223 and 224
Conveyancing and Law of Property Act: Section 29

(7) Duties Of Receiver
See generally:
Companies Act: Sections 218, 219, 221-226

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Roberto Building Material Pte Ltd v. OCBC Ltd [2003] 3 SLR(R) 217
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No duty in timing power of sale
Den Norske Bank ASA v Acemex Management Co Ltd [2003] EWCA Civ 1559

Liabilities in relation to pre-appointment contracts
Gosling v Gaskell [1897] AC 575
Welsh Development Agency v Exfinco [1992] JBL 541
Re Diesels & Components Pty Ltd (1985) 9 ACLR 825
Freevale Ltd v Metrostore (Holdings) Ltd [1984] Ch 199

Liabilities in relation to post-appointment contracts
Companies Act (Cap 50): Section 218
Chin Bobby v Hong Lam Marine Pte Ltd [1999] 3 SLR(R) 907
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**DUTY TO PAY PREFERENTIAL DEBTS**

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*QCD (M) Sdn Bhd v Wah Nam Plastic Industry Pte Ltd* [1997] 1 SLR(R) 270

*Harrick Engineering Pte Ltd v Singapore Finance Ltd* [1997] 2 SLR(R) 609

**Termination of receivership**

*Rottenberg v Monjack* [1993] BCLC 374

E. **SCHEMES OF ARRANGEMENT (WITHIN AND OUTSIDE JUDICIAL MANAGEMENT)**

See generally:

2. *Law and Practice of Corporate Insolvency* (LexisNexis, 2014) (Chapter III)
3. *Woon’s Corporations Law, Chapter L* (Lexis-Nexis)

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(1) Scope And Purpose Of Scheme Of Arrangement

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(2) Who Can Apply To Court For Convening Of Scheme Meetings

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(3) Convening Of Scheme Meetings And Stay Of Proceedings

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*Hitachi Plant Engineering & Construction Co Ltd v Eltraco International Pte Ltd* [2003] 4 SLR(R) 384

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(4) Classification Of Creditors

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(5) Transparency And Provision Of Information

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(6) Court Discretion To Approve Scheme

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(7) Recent Amendments to Scheme of Arrangement Regime

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Re Attilan Group Ltd [2017] SGHC 283

(8) Implementation Of Scheme
Companies Act: Section 212

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(9) Remuneration of Scheme Manager / Disclosure
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Limited Liability Partnerships
See generally:
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Limited Liability Partnerships (Winding Up) Rules
Part III: Joint Ventures

A. CHOOSING THE LEGAL FORM

(1) Contractual Joint Ventures
   - Common law partnerships

(2) Equity Joint Ventures
   - Companies
   - Limited Liability Partnerships

Recommended Text


Statutes

Companies Act, Chapter 50 of Singapore (“Companies Act”)

Limited Liability Partnerships Act, Chapter 163A of Singapore

Partnership Act, Chapter 391 of Singapore

B. CONTRACTUAL JOINT VENTURES

(1) Uses:
   - R&D/Technology Collaborations
   - Works Project Joint Ventures
   - Joint Operating Agreements
   - Property Development Joint Ventures

(2) Key Matters for Consideration:
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   - Responsibilities/Contributions
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   - Operational management
   - Allocation of Costs
   - Sharing of Profits/Income
• Ownership of Intellectual Property Rights
• Sharing of liabilities/indemnities
• Term and termination
• Consequences of termination
• Restrictive Covenants
• Anti-Trust/Competition Issues
• Confidentiality
• Governing law and dispute resolution

Recommended Text

*Hewitt, Chapter 4*

**C. EQUITY JOINT VENTURES**

**(1) Capitalisation/Funding**

• Ordinary and Preference Shares
• Cash Injection
• Contribution in Kind
• Shareholder Loans
• Security from Shareholders
• Future Financing Commitments
• Profit Distribution/Dividend Policy

Recommended Text

*Hewitt, Chapters 7 and 9*

**Statutes**

*Sections 4, 64, 64A, 70, 75, 161, 180 and 403, Companies Act*

**(2) Governance and Management**

• Composition of Board of Directors/Managers
• Control and Decision Making
• Operational Management (eg. CEO, CFO, COO)
• Rights and Obligations of Shareholders/Partners
• Obligations and Liabilities of Nominee Directors

Recommended Text

*Hewitt, Chapter 8*
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(3) Minority Investment and Protection

• Voting Rights at the Board and Shareholder Level
• Reserved Matters
• Remedies for Minority Oppression under Sections 216 and 216A of the Companies Act

Recommended Text

Hewitt, Chapter 9

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Matters which, under the Companies Act, would require an ordinary resolution unless the constitution of the company requires otherwise: Sections 71(1), 73(1), 76C, 76E, 96(1)(b), 149B, 152(1) read with (2), 152(9), 160(1), 161(1), 162(3)(c), 162(4)(a), 163(1), 163(3A), 168(1), 169, 174(9), 205(4), 205(4), 205(5)(b), 205(16)(a), 210, 227B(1), 278(6), 290(1)(a), 294(1), 294(2), 294(4), 297(1), 298(1)

Sections 216 and 216A, Companies Act

Selected Cases & Articles

Russell v Northern Bank Development Corp Ltd [1992] 1 W.L.R. 588


Over & Over v Bonvests Holdings Ltd and another [2010] 2 SLR 776
(4) **Transfers of Shares**
- Transfer Restrictions
- Right of First Offer / Right of First Refusal
- Tag Along / Drag Along Clauses
- Intra-group Transfers

**Recommended Text**
*Hewitt, Chapter 12*

(5) **Deadlock**

**Management Structures to Avoid Deadlock**
- Independent Director’s Swing Vote
- Casting Vote
- Chairman Rotation

**Deadlock Resolution Mechanisms:**
- Referral to shareholders/ parties’ chairmen or chief executives
- Referral to mediation/expert/arbitration
- Voluntary Winding Up
- Put and Call Options
- Shoot-Out Procedures, e.g. Russian Roulette, Texas Shoot-Out, Sealed Bids

**Recommended Text**
*Hewitt, Chapter 10*

(6) **Termination**
- Fixed Term Joint Venture
- IPO
- Termination by mutual agreement
- Termination for cause (e.g. default, change in control)
- Insolvency of Joint Venture
- Consequences of Termination (put/call at premium/discount, winding up of joint venture)

**Recommended Text**
*Hewitt, Chapter 13*
(7) **Other Considerations**

- Restrictive Covenants
- Anti-Trust/ Competition Issues
- Confidentiality
- Joint Venture Constitution
- Governing law and dispute resolution

**Recommended Text**

*Hewitt, Chapters 11 and 14*

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*Section 54, Competition Act, Chapter 50B of Singapore*
Part IV: Take-Overs and Mergers Syllabus

A. INTRODUCTION

(1) Legal and regulatory framework
   • Securities and Futures Act (Chapter 289)
   • Companies Act (Chapter 50)
   • Competition Act (Chapter 50B)
   • Singapore Code on Take-overs and Mergers (the “Take-over Code”)
   • Listing Rules of the Mainboard of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the “SGX-ST Listing Manual”)

(2) The Take-over Code
   • Objective of the Take-over Code
   • Legal effect of the Take-over Code
   • The Take-over Code is administered by the Securities Industry Council (the “SIC”)
   • Entities which are subject to the Take-over Code

(3) Means of effecting control of public entities: The common methods to take-over or acquire securities of a target entity so that the target entity becomes a subsidiary of the acquiring entity includes:
   • Offer of cash, shares or other securities (or a mixture of any of these) for a take-over bid
   • Reverse take-overs
   • Scheme of arrangement
   • Amalgamation
   • Voluntary delisting

B. TAKE-OVER OFFERS

(1) Making An Offer
   • Concept of “acting in concert” in ascertaining whether take-over offers have to be made
   • Secrecy
   • Equal treatment of shareholders
   • Irrevocable undertakings
   • Announcement / withdrawal of offer
   • Acceptance of offer
(2)  Types Of Take-Over Offers

- Mandatory offer
  - What triggers a mandatory offer
  - Conditions attached to the offer
  - Minimum offer price
  - Threshold for acceptance
  - Nature of consideration
  - Chain principle
  - Whitewash

- Voluntary offer
  - Conditions attached to the offer
  - Minimum offer price
  - Threshold for acceptance
  - Nature of consideration

- Partial offer
  - Approval by the SIC

(3)  Regulator’s Consents

- SIC
- SGX-ST
- Regulators of specific industry
- Competition Commission of Singapore – Merger control

(4)  Merger Control

- The Competition Act sets out the competition law regime in Singapore
- The Competition Commission of Singapore (the “CCS”) administers and enforces the Competition Act. The CCS website (www.ccs.gov.sg) contains useful information on the competition law regime and guidelines issued by the CCS to supplement the provisions in the Competition Act.
- Merger control regime: Prohibition under section 54 of the Competition Act (substantial lessening of competition within any market for goods or services in Singapore)
  - Elements and scope of the “section 54 prohibition”
  - Types of merger that falls within the scope of section 54
  - Effect of contravening section 54
(5) Some Key Issues Relating To Take-Over Offers
- Prohibitions against financial assistance
- Break fees
- Timetable – prescribed in the Take-over Code
- Documentation – accuracy of statement
- Duties of directors and controlling shareholders of target company
- Shareholder disclosure obligations during offer period
- Financial disclosures
- Dealing restrictions / insider dealing
- Non selective disclosure of information to shareholders, analysts or stockbrokers
- Suspension of trading and compulsory acquisition of minority shareholdings

(6) Threshold For Triggering Compulsory Acquisition
- Compulsory acquisition procedures under section 215 of the Companies Act

C. REVERSE TAKE-OVERS

(1) Legal Framework
- Rule 1015 of the SGX-ST Listing Manual (very substantial acquisitions or reverse take-overs)
- Take-over Code – Appendix 1

(2) Requirements Under Rule 1015 Of The SGX-ST Listing Manual
- When an acquisition is subject to Rule 1015 of the SGX-ST Listing Manual
- Approval of the SGX-ST
- Convening a general meeting and obtaining shareholders’ approvals for the acquisition
- Shareholders entitled to vote on the acquisition
- Required majority for approving the acquisition
- Requirements to be satisfied by the enlarged group
- Disclosure requirements to applicable to the announcement of the acquisition and the shareholder circular

D. SCHEMES OF ARRANGEMENT

(1) Legal framework
- Section 210 of the Companies Act
• Take-over Code – Exemption from full compliance

(2) Requirements under section 210 of the Companies Act

• Types of entities subject to the provisions on schemes of arrangement
• Application to court to convene a scheme meeting:
  ▪ Who may initiate a scheme
• Convening a scheme meeting and obtaining shareholders’ approvals for a scheme
  ▪ Shareholders entitled to vote on a scheme
  ▪ Required majority for approving a scheme
• Applying for court order to sanction a scheme

E. ALMAGAMATION

(1) Legal Framework

• Sections 215A to 215K of the Companies Act – amalgamation without court order
• Take-over Code – Exemption from full compliance

(2) Requirements Under Sections 215A To 215K Of The Companies Act

• Who may make use of the amalgamation process
• Types of amalgamation process: Full and short-form amalgamation
• Full amalgamation process
  ▪ Requirements on the amalgamation proposal
  ▪ Duty on board of directors of amalgamating company:
    ▪ Board resolutions
    ▪ Solvency statements
    ▪ Director’s declaration
  ▪ Shareholders’ approval of amalgamation proposal
  ▪ Notification to secured creditors and other relevant parties
  ▪ Registration of amalgamation
• Short-form amalgamation process
  ▪ Duty on board of directors of amalgamating company:
    ▪ Solvency statements
    ▪ Director’s declaration
    ▪ Shareholders’ approval of amalgamation proposal
    ▪ Notification to secured creditors
    ▪ Registration of amalgamation
• Court intervention in amalgamation process
F. VOLUNTARY DELISTING

(1) Legal Framework

- Rules 1307 and 1309 of the SGX-ST Listing Manual
- Take-over Code – Exemption from full compliance

(2) Requirements Under Rules 1307 And 1309 Of The SGX-ST Listing Manual

- Approval of the SGX-ST
- Convening a delisting meeting and obtaining shareholders’ approvals for the delisting proposal
  - Shareholders entitled to vote on a delisting proposal
  - Required majority for approving a delisting proposal
- Reasonable exit alternative/offer for the shareholders
  - Nature of consideration
  - Compliance with Take-over Code
- Appointment of an independent financial adviser to advise on exit offer

TAKE-OVERS AND MERGERS READING LIST

Text books

*Corporate Law by Hans Tjio, Pearlie Koh and Lee Pey Woan, 2015 (Academy Publishing)*

*Corporate Acquisitions and Mergers, (Singapore Chapter), Volume 3, 2015 (update) – (Looseleaf) by Peter FC Begg (Editor-in-Chief), by Andrew M Lim, Lim Mei, Steven Seow, Daren Shiau, Richard Young and Usha Chandradas (Wolster Kluwer)*

*The Mergers & Acquisitions Review (Singapore Chapter), by Lim Mei and Lee Kee Yeng, 2015 (Law Business Research Ltd)*

*Woon’s Corporations Law, Volume 2, 2013 – (Looseleaf), Chapter R on Code on Take-overs and Mergers, by Farhana Siddiqui (LexisNexis)*

*Mergers and Acquisitions in Singapore: Law and Practice by Wan Wai Yee and Umakanth Varottil, 2013 (Lexis Nexis)*

*Merger Control in Singapore: Law and Practice by Daren Shiau and Elsa Chen, 2011 (Lexis Nexis)*

*Take-overs and Mergers (2nd Ed) by Chandrasegar Chidambaram, 2010 (Lexis Nexis)*

*Walter Woon on Company Law (3rd Ed) by Prof Tan Cheng Han (General Editor), 2009 (Sweet & Maxwell)*
Articles


Public mergers and acquisitions in Singapore (Global Guides, Country Q&A), Practical Law, Thomson Reuters (Professional) UK Limited (1 March 2012) by Andrew Ang and Milton Toon, WongPartnership LLP (http://uk.practicallaw.com/1-501-9683)

Amalgamation – New Method to Merge and Take-over Companies [2008] 20 SACLJ 135 by Wee Meng Seng, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore

Effecting Compulsory Acquisition via the Amalgamation Procedure in Singapore [2007] 2 SJLS 323 by Wan Wai Yee, Assistant Professor, School of Law, Singapore Management University

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Companies Act (Chapter 50), sections 76 and 76A (prohibition against financial assistance), 79 to 92 (substantial shareholding disclosure requirements), 210 to 212 (schemes of arrangement), 215 (compulsory acquisition) and 215A to 215J (amalgamation)

Competition Act (Chapter 50B), sections 54 to 60 (merger control)

Securities and Futures Act (Chapter 289), sections 137, 137A and 137B (substantial shareholding and unitholding disclosure requirements), 138 (Securities Industry Council), 139 (Take-over Code) and 140 (Offence relating to take-over offers)

Code, rules and practice notes issued by SIC

Singapore Code on Take-overs and Mergers

SIC Practice Statements and Guidelines
Listing rules

The SGX Listing Manual

Competition Commission of Singapore (CCS) Guidelines

CCS Guidelines relating to the merger control regime available at CCS website at www.ccs.gov.sg