

**LexisNexis launches new edition of its popular
Contract Administration Guide to the
S.I.A. Conditions of Building Contract**

- Second Edition Guide to the Singapore Institute of Architects (S.I.A.)
Conditions of Building Contract;
unique, user-friendly reference guide for architects, developers, consultants,
contractors and other practitioners in the construction industry

Singapore, 05 November 2009 – LexisNexis, the global provider of content-enabled workflow solutions for professionals in the legal, risk management, corporate, government, law enforcement, accounting and academic markets, announced today the launch of the Second Edition, the latest, of its Contract Administration Guide to the Singapore Institute of Architects (S.I.A.) Conditions of Building Contract.

Authored by Eugenie Lip, Contracts Director at KPK Quantity Surveyors (Singapore) Pte Ltd and Choy Chee Yean, Head of Knowledge and Risk Management Department and former partner at Rajah & Tann LLP, the Contract Administration Guide provides a clear, user-friendly guide to the S.I.A. Eighth Edition of the Articles and Conditions of Building Contract which was published in December 2008. This is the only standard form widely used in the traditional procurement of private sector building projects in Singapore.

This book is designed for the non-legal professional and serves as a practical guide to help architects, developers, contractors as well as other practitioners in the Singapore construction industry to first understand the often intricate and complex provisions within a construction contract and then be in a position to address the key contractual and legal issues that typically arise from the day to day administration of a building project. The book seeks to achieve this through its clause-by-clause legal commentaries, practice notes, administration templates complemented by guidance notes on how to use them and useful illustrated flowcharts.

In his Foreword to the book, Ashvinkumar s/o Kantilal, current President of the Singapore Institute of Architects, wrote: “The authors must be commended for the laudable and admirable effort in producing a clear and user-friendly book which combines legal perspectives, practice application and aspects of contract administration, all consolidated into a single concise reference text.”

When the concept for the First Edition was first mooted, the authors felt there was a need in the market for a simple, succinct and readable reference text for contract administrators and construction

professionals tasked to manage construction projects procured on the basis of the S.I.A. Building Contract. This book has since become the only one of its kind in the market and serves as an invaluable source of practical guidance to all users of the S.I.A. Building Contract.

Ms Lip explained the thinking behind the book: “In any construction project, practitioners entrusted with the responsibility for contract administration and management are required to know the law behind the provisions and adhere closely to procedures and timelines as expected of them in compliance with the contractual regime. This is not an easy task particularly for non-legal professionals. Further, reading through the contract clauses can be time-consuming if not perplexing. We understood this difficulty and have therefore set out to achieve in this book the objective of providing to the typical construction practitioner a useful compendium of materials which will enable him/her to get through and understand the contract and the contract administration process quickly. We have also included suggestions as to what we think are contract administration best practices so that the reader can think about these issues when managing his/her own project. If the encouraging response to the First Edition of the book is anything to go by, this latest Second Edition – which includes new practice notes and templates – should continue to be relevant.”

The First Edition of this Contract Administration Guide sold well over 1,000 copies after it was published in 2003. It was authored by Ms Lip and Mr Choy along with two other professionals and was based on the Sixth Edition of the S.I.A. Building Contract.

This Second Edition incorporates important developments in the law including the statutory payment regime introduced under the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act which came into operation on 1 April 2005.

Explaining the significance of the S.I.A. Building Contract and this book, Mr Choy said: “The S.I.A. Building Contract is unique to Singapore. It was commissioned and written almost 30 years ago specifically for Singapore. Over the years, several editions have been published to reflect changes in the procurement approach, legislation and the common law. This book therefore seeks to capture the essence of these changes and explains in language which will appeal to construction professionals the legal and contractual issues arising out of these provisions. While we do acknowledge that there are already construction law texts in the market, we thought the book differentiated itself by its stated aim of not only seeking to explain complex construction law issues in simple language but more importantly, doing so against a local context and with specific reference to the provisions of a well used local building contract. The reader will also find within its covers a generous helping of guidance notes which were carefully prepared based on local industry practice – a feature which we hope he/she will find helpful. We sincerely hope that the readers will continue to find place in their library for the Second Edition of this book.”

Philip Chua, Managing Director of LexisNexis Singapore: “Since the publication of the S.I.A. Building Contract Eighth Edition late last year, we have had some clients asking for the new edition of this Guide. And with the continued construction demand in the near term as projected by the Building and Construction Authority (BCA), we believe that the industry practitioners will find this Second Edition pertinent and helpful. We’re immensely grateful to both authors for their hard work and diligence and to KPK Quantity Surveyors and Rajah & Tann LLP for their support on this Second Edition. As a global

solutions provider of quality content, LexisNexis is committed to supporting and developing local materials relevant for our customers in the legal, risk management, corporate, government, law enforcement, accounting and academic market segments. To this end, we will continue to support local industry developments and initiatives.”

Pricing and Availability

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