



THE LAW SOCIETY  
OF SINGAPORE

## 101 Workshop Series: UNDERSTANDING VARIATIONS IN CONSTRUCTION DISPUTES:

### WHAT LAWYERS NEED TO KNOW

Friday, 25 November 2005, 5.30pm to 7.30pm

#### About this Workshop

One of the most common areas of construction disputes concerns variations. This session will examine the following issues on variations:

1. What constitutes a valid variation?
2. What are the differences between measurement and lump sum contracts in respect of variations?
3. SIA variation provisions
4. Methods of valuing variations:
  - a. Quantities
  - b. Rates
    - i. Schedule of rates
    - ii. BQ rates
    - iii. Star rates or "market rates"
  - c. Preliminaries

#### Programme Outline

5.15-5.30pm	Registration & Refreshments
5.30-5.40pm	Opening Remarks by Chairperson
5.40-7.10pm	Talk
7.10-7.30pm	Q&A / Discussion

#### About the Chairperson

##### Dr Anne Magdaline Netto

Dr Netto (LLB, MSc, PhD) is currently practicing as a lawyer and arbitrator. She is an adjunct lecturer with the Singapore Management University. She has wide ranging experience both in the academia and commercial litigation. Dr Netto was the first Programme Director, KCL-NUS MSc (Construction Law & Arbitration). She was the first Singaporean to obtain the MSc in Construction Law & Arbitration at King's College London. Dr Netto has authored several articles on construction law in Singapore and the UK which have been published in leading journals. She is the lead author of Singapore Building Control Handbook (2003).

#### About the Speakers

##### Mr. See Choo Lip

See Choo Lip is a director of KPK Consultancy Pte Ltd, a specialist wing of the KPK Quantity Surveyors Group, providing expert witness, expert determination and specialised contract administration services. He has over 25 years' experience and practise in the major Quantity Surveying firms in Singapore and Australia and has acted for both contractors and developers. His

diverse project experience includes hotels & resorts, residential developments, health care and nursing homes, commercial and office facilities, educational facilities, industrial complexes. In recent years his portfolio has extended to infrastructure and civil engineering projects, such as Link Sewers and NEWater pipelines. Over the last 10 years, he has been involved in numerous dispute cases, acting as expert witness or independent expert on the valuation of variations, valuation of work done (Quantum Meruit), valuation of defects rectification and assessment of loss and expense claims. See Choo Lip graduated with a distinction in Quantity Surveying from the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT). He is a member of the accreditation panels of the Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers (SISV); a member of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators and Associate of the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors and Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators, Australia. Being a Registered Safety Officer, Choo Lip has also served as a member of the Construction Safety Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Manpower.

##### Mr. Peter Jerome

Peter Jerome is an Associate Director of KPK Quantity Surveyors (1995) Singapore Pte Ltd and heads KPK's Contract Support Services, providing advisory services on clients' particular contract requirements and procurement arrangements. He is a Professional Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and has over 13 years of experience as a consultant quantity surveyor. His project experience includes residential properties, hotels, offices, commercial buildings and defence facilities, and over the last 10 years has focused on specialised high tech manufacturing facilities for international clients. He has assisted as an advisor on the REDAS contracts committee and currently represents KPK as an advisor on the SIA Contracts Committee. He has been involved in a number of dispute cases acting either as expert witness or expert support on the valuation of variations, valuation of work done and assessment of loss and expense claims. He graduated with a BSc (Hons) in Quantity Surveying from the University of Greenwich and is currently in his final year on the King's College London/NUS MSc in Construction Law & Dispute Resolution joint programme.

Venue:  
The Law Society of Singapore  
Conference Room, Level 2  
Singapore 058673

(Registrations will begin at 5.15pm)

Fee:  
S\$ 52.50 (Law Society & SCCA Members &  
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S\$ 63.00 (Others)  
(includes 5% GST, materials & refreshments)

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1. Registrations will be confirmed upon receipt of full payment accompanied by a duly completed registration form.
2. The Organisers reserve the right to refuse to register or admit any participant, and to cancel or postpone the course.
3. Substitute delegates are welcomed, subject to the Organisers being notified at least 2 working days before the course of the details of the substitute delegate.
4. The Organisers reserve the right to impose a cancellation fee in the event any registrant wishes to withdraw from the course after the registration closing date.
5. The Organisers will not entertain any request for a refund of fees within 24 hours of course commencement. However, a confirmed registrant who does not turn up for the course will be entitled to collect a set of the materials provided.

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