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SIAC Announces New Board and Court Members

The Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) is pleased to announce new members to its Board of Directors and Court of Arbitration.

Appointments to the Board

Five new Directors have been appointed to SIAC's Board under the chairmanship of Mr Davinder Singh, SC. The new Board members are:

1. Mr Siraj Omar, SC – Drew & Napier LLC, Singapore
2. Ms Lucy Reed – Arbitration Chambers, USA
3. Mr Gerald Singham – Dentons Rodyk & Davidson LLP, Singapore
4. Mr Luke Sobota – Three Crowns LLP, USA
5. Ms Ariel Ye – King & Wood Mallesons, China

Mr Chong Yee Leong has been appointed as Deputy Chairman.

Mr Davinder Singh, SC said of the Board, "I am delighted that Siraj, Lucy, Gerald, Luke and Ariel have joined SIAC as Board members. SIAC will benefit from their wealth of experience, and I look forward to working closely with them."

Appointments to the Court

Ms Lucy Reed, a Vice President of the SIAC Court of Arbitration since 2018, will succeed Mr Gary Born as President. Mr Gary Born will step down on 30 September 2021, after three terms as President of the Court, in line with his desire to ensure continuing access to new perspectives at SIAC, and in response to the increasing demands of his practice as counsel.

Mr Gary Born played a key part in enhancing and innovating SIAC's services since joining the Court in 2013 and being appointed President in 2015. During his tenure, SIAC has grown significantly, from a caseload of 222 cases in 2014 to a caseload of 1,080 cases in 2020, together with the opening of new representative offices in China, India and the United States. SIAC's reach has expanded, with parties from more than 60 jurisdictions choosing to arbitrate at SIAC. SIAC was the first major commercial arbitration institution to publish a set of arbitration rules incorporating an early dismissal procedure, and is at the forefront of the use of emergency arbitrator, expedited procedure and consolidation/joinder provisions. SIAC also published a specialised set of investment arbitration rules in 2017, to specifically deal with issues relating to

arbitral proceedings involving States, State-controlled entities and intergovernmental organisations, and has been at the forefront of thought leadership in international dispute resolution.

Nine new members have been appointed to SIAC's Court of Arbitration. The new Court members are:

1. Ms Olufunke Adekoya – AELEX, Nigeria
2. Mr Jose Amado – Miranda & Amado, Peru
3. Mr Pierre Bienvenu – Norton Rose Fulbright, Canada
4. Mr Chan Leng Sun, SC – Duxton Hill Chambers (Singapore Group Practice), Singapore
5. Mr Dmitry Dyakin – Rybalkin, Gortsunyan & Partners, Russia
6. Ms Karina Goldberg – Ferro, Castro Neves, Daltro & Gomide (FCDG), Brazil
7. Mr Benjamin Hughes – The Arbitration Chambers, Singapore
8. Prof Dr Guido Tawil – Uruguay
9. Mr Gaëtan Verhoosel – Three Crowns LLP, UK

Mr Toby Landau QC has been appointed as Vice President of the SIAC Court of Arbitration, and will serve alongside Vice President Mr Cavinder Bull, SC.

SIAC is deeply appreciative of Mr Gary Born, Ms Julie Bedard and Ms Ariel Ye, for their invaluable contributions and unstinting support to the Court of SIAC.

Mr Gary Born said, “It has been a fulfilling experience to have been a small part of SIAC, working alongside talented colleagues and stakeholders alike, to achieve our common vision of securing SIAC’s position as a preeminent global arbitration institution. I have no doubt whatsoever that Lucy will continue to advance SIAC’s goals and take SIAC to further achievements.”

Ms Lucy Reed said, “I am honoured to succeed Gary as President of the SIAC Court of Arbitration. Gary has led the Court from strength to strength, leaving us well-positioned to take on the new challenges of the era. It is ever more important to ensure that the quality and efficiency of the Court make SIAC a first choice of users in Asia and beyond.”

Mr Davinder Singh, SC, said, “Gary played an integral role in the achievements of SIAC during his tenure. On behalf of SIAC, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to Gary for his many contributions. I am delighted that Lucy has agreed to succeed Gary as President of the Court. We look forward to working with her to take SIAC to the next level.”

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The members of SIAC's Board of Directors are as follows:

1. Mr Davinder Singh, SC – Davinder Singh Chambers LLC, Singapore (Chairman)
2. Mr Chong Yee Leong – Allen & Gledhill LLP, Singapore (Deputy Chairman)
3. Mr Rajiv K Luthra – L&L Partners (formerly Luthra & Luthra Law Offices), India
4. Dr Michael Moser – 20 Essex Street, Hong Kong SAR
5. Mr Siraj Omar, SC – Drew & Napier LLC, Singapore
6. Ms Lucy Reed – Arbitration Chambers, USA
7. Mr Gerald Singham – Dentons Rodyk & Davidson LLP, Singapore
8. Mr Luke Sobota – Three Crowns LLP, USA
9. Mr Tham Sai Choy – Singapore
10. Ms Ariel Ye – King & Wood Mallesons, China

The members of SIAC's Court of Arbitration are as follows:

1. Ms Lucy Reed – Arbitration Chambers, USA (President)
2. Mr Cavinder Bull, SC – Drew & Napier LLC, Singapore (Vice President)
3. Mr Toby Landau QC – Duxton Hill Chambers (Singapore Group Practice), Singapore and UK (Vice President)
4. Ms Olufunke Adekoya – AELEX, Nigeria
5. Mr Jose Amado – Miranda & Amado, Peru
6. Ms Catherine Amirfar – Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, USA
7. Dr Claudia Annacker – Dechert LLP, France
8. Mr John P. Bang – Peter & Kim, South Korea
9. Ms Yas Banifatemi – Gaillard Banifatemi Shelbaya Disputes, France
10. Mr Pierre Bienvenu – Norton Rose Fulbright, Canada
11. Mr Nigel Blackaby QC – Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, USA
12. Prof Lawrence Boo – The Arbitration Chambers, Singapore
13. Mr Cao Lijun – Zhong Lun Law Firm, China
14. Mr Chan Leng Sun, SC – Duxton Hill Chambers (Singapore Group Practice), Singapore
15. Mr K. Minh Dang – YKVN, Vietnam
16. Mr Dmitry Dyakin – Rybalkin, Gortsunyan & Partners, Russia
17. Ms Jessica Fei – King & Wood Mallesons, China
18. Ms Karina Goldberg – Ferro, Castro Neves, Daltro & Gomide (FCDG), Brazil
19. Prof Bernard Hanotiau – Hanotiau & van den Berg, Belgium
20. Mr Eri Hertiawan – Assegaf Hamzah & Partners, Indonesia
21. Prof Benjamin Hughes – The Arbitration Chambers, Singapore
22. Mr Tejas Karia – Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co., India
23. Mr Darius Khambata, SC – India
24. Mr Fernando Mantilla-Serrano – Latham & Watkins LLP, France
25. Ms K. Shanti Mogan – Shearn Delamore & Co., Malaysia
26. Ms Shaneen Parikh – Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, India
27. Dr Eun Young Park – Kim & Chang, South Korea
28. Mr Philippe Pinsolle – Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP, Switzerland

29. Mr Harish Salve QC – Blackstone Chambers, India
30. Mr John Savage QC – King & Spalding LLP, UK
31. Mr Michael E. Schneider – Lalive, Switzerland
32. Ms Abby Cohen Smutny – White & Case LLP, USA
33. Mr Thomas Snider - Al Tamimi & Co., UAE
34. Prof Dr Guido Tawil – Uruguay
35. Mr Hiroyuki Tezuka – Nishimura & Asahi, Japan
36. Mr Alan Thambiayah – The Arbitration Chambers, Singapore
37. Mr Gaëtan Verhoosel – Three Crowns LLP, UK
38. Mr Alvin Yeo, SC – WongPartnership LLP, Singapore