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SIAC Announces the Formation of the SIAC Users Council Regional and National Committees

Following the establishment of its Users Council, the Singapore International Arbitration Centre is pleased to announce the formation of the SIAC Users Council Regional and National Committees.

The creation of the Regional and National Committees underscores SIAC's continued commitment to excellence and efficiency in case administration and strengthens SIAC's position at the forefront of developments in international arbitration.

The Regional and National Committees of the Users Council will play an important role in overseeing, coordinating and liaising with the members of the SIAC Users Council within their jurisdictions. Thus, the Regional and National Committees will fulfil a dual role: ensuring that all voices of the members of the Users Council are effectively communicated to SIAC, and further promoting the use and development of international arbitration within their jurisdictions. Members of the Committees are thus encouraged actively to participate in the development of SIAC initiatives in their respective jurisdictions, such as SIAC's annual Overseas Conferences, seminars and other public events.

All Chairs of the Regional and National Committees will be ex-officio members of SIAC Users Council Executive Committee, along with the President of the SIAC Court of Arbitration, Mr Gary Born, and the CEO of SIAC and the Singapore International Mediation Centre (SIMC), Ms Lim Seok Hui.

Mr Born, Chair of the Users Council Executive Committee, welcomed the formation of the Regional and National Committees of the SIAC Users Council: "The Users Council committees play a key role in our consideration of revisions to the SIAC Arbitration Rules and development of SIAC as a global arbitral institution."

Ms Lim, CEO of SIAC and SIMC, added, "We are delighted and honoured to have the opportunity to work closely with the distinguished members and Chairs of the Regional and National Committees of our Users Council, and look forward to introducing exciting new programmes and initiatives with the Users Council as part of our ongoing efforts to innovate and enhance the quality of SIAC's services."

The members of the Users Council Executive Committee are as follows:

- Mr Gary Born, Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP; President, SIAC Court of Arbitration; Chair, Executive Committee
- Ms Lim Seok Hui, CEO, SIAC and SIMC
- Mr Guled Yusuf, Allen & Overy; Chair, Africa Regional Committee
- Mr Cameron Ford, Corporate Counsel, Rio Tinto; Chair, Australia and New Zealand Regional Committee
- Mr Cao Lijun, Zhong Lun Law Firm; Member, SIAC Court of Arbitration; Chair, China National Committee
- Dr Guenter Pickrahn, Baker & McKenzie; Chair, Germany National Committee
- Ms Ariel Ye, King & Wood Mallesons; Member, SIAC Court of Arbitration; Chair, Hong Kong National Committee
- Mr Vikram Nankani, Senior Advocate; Chair, India National Committee
- Mr Hiroyuki Tezuka, Nishimura & Asahi; Member, SIAC Court of Arbitration; Chair, Japan National Committee
- Mr Guido Santiago Tawil, M & M Bomchil; Chair, Latin America Regional Committee
- Mr David Goldberg, White & Case; Chair, Russia National Committee
- Mr Nish Shetty, Clifford Chance Asia; Chair, Singapore National Committee
- Dr Eun Young Park, Kim & Chang; Member, SIAC Court of Arbitration; Member, SIAC Board of Directors; Chair, South Korea National Committee
- Mr Toby Landau, QC, Essex Court Chambers; Member, SIAC Court of Arbitration; Chair, United Kingdom National Committee
- Mr Paul Friedland, White & Case; Member, SIAC Court of Arbitration; Chair, United States National Committee

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