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SIAC Announces Appointment of New Chairman

The Singapore International Arbitration Centre (**SIAC**) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Davinder Singh, SC, as the new Chairman of its Board of Directors with effect from 16 December 2016.

The current Chairman of SIAC, Mr Lucien Wong, who took office on 1 April 2013, will be stepping down on 15 December 2016, following the recent announcement of his upcoming appointment as the next Attorney-General of Singapore.

During Mr Wong's term in office, SIAC saw a number of milestone achievements, including receiving a record number of cases and registering a record total sum in dispute in 2013 and again in 2015. Mr Wong also oversaw the expansion of SIAC's operations internationally, with the establishment of overseas representative offices in Mumbai, Seoul and Shanghai.

Mr Singh is the Chief Executive Officer of Drew & Napier LLC, and is widely recognised as a leading disputes practitioner. He was in the first batch of Senior Counsel appointed in Singapore. In addition to being a top litigator, he has an active international arbitration practice involving complex commercial disputes and multiple jurisdictions.

Mr Wong said, "I am honoured to have served as Chairman of SIAC. It was a great pleasure working with my fellow Board members, Gary and the Court as well as Seok Hui and her team. I am delighted that Davinder will be taking over as Chairman of SIAC, and have every confidence that he will steer SIAC to even greater heights."

Mr Gary Born, President of the SIAC Court of Arbitration, commented, "I very much enjoyed working with Lucien, and wish him every success for the future. My Court members and I would like to thank Lucien for his extraordinary contributions to SIAC, and at the same time extend a warm welcome to Davinder."

Mr Singh said of his appointment, "It is an honour and privilege to be succeeding Lucien as Chairman of SIAC. Lucien leaves a hugely impressive legacy, having achieved so much for SIAC. I am looking forward to working closely with Gary, whose formidable reputation and stature have enhanced the international standing of SIAC. It is universally acknowledged that SIAC is where it is today because of the standing, professionalism and tireless efforts of the Court, Board members, CEO and the team. They are deeply committed to ensuring that SIAC consistently delivers world class dispute resolution services and remains at the forefront of international arbitration."

Ms Lim Seok Hui, Chief Executive Officer of SIAC and the Singapore International Mediation Centre, added, "We will certainly miss Lucien, whose dynamic leadership guided us through an exciting and transformative period of growth and expansion. We are delighted to welcome

Davinder as our new Chairman, and are confident that he will play a pivotal role in SIAC's continued growth and success.”

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