

Issue No. 2/2016

### Application for Consent to Disposal under Special Waiver for Conversion of an Entire Existing Industrial Building

The special waiver for conversion of an entire existing industrial building issued pursuant to the Lands Department ("LandsD") Lands Administration Office Practice Note Nos. 1/2010, 1/2010A and 1/2010B requires that, throughout the validity period of the special waiver, the owner of the lot or of a unit in the existing building on the lot (the "Assignor") shall obtain the prior written consent of the Director of Lands ("the Director") to sell, assign or otherwise dispose of the lot or the unit (the "Premises") or to enter into any agreement so to do. The terms of the special waiver require the Assignor to procure an undertaking under seal in favour of the Government and the Director from the purchaser or assignee of the Premises (the "Assignee") that the Assignee shall observe, comply with and be bound by all of the terms, conditions and covenants in the special waiver, and if the lot is in multiple ownership, be jointly or severally (or both) liable for the performance thereof with the owners of other interests in the lot and the existing building. The undertaking is also required to be endorsed by the charge / mortgagee of the Assignee, if any.

- 2. To reduce the time and administrative burden on owners desirous to sell, assign or otherwise dispose of the Premises, the prior written consent from the Director to sell, assign or otherwise dispose of the Premises will be deemed to have been given by the Director provided that the Assignor shall submit, prior to the sale or conveyance or any agreement so to do, an application for consent in the form of Appendix I to LandsD and complies with the conditions in the special waiver relating to the procurement and delivery of the said undertaking (in the form of Appendix II).
- 3. Furthermore, in respect of the undertaking to be procured from the Assignee in favour of the Government and the Director, it is no longer necessary to be endorsed with the consent of the chargee / mortgagee of the Assignee (if any).
- 4. Waiver letters under processing but not yet issued will reflect the streamlined arrangements as stated in paragraphs 2 and 3 above. For special waivers already granted, a letter will be issued by the LandsD to the concerned owners to give effect to the same

relaxation measures (the "Relaxation Letter"), without fees or charges to the owners of the Premises. The Relaxation Letter will be issued before or upon receipt of any application for consent to disposal.

5. This Practice Note is issued for general reference purposes only. All rights to modify the whole or any part of this Practice Note including Appendix I and Appendix II at any time are hereby reserved.

(Ms Bernadette Linn)
Director of Lands
2 June 2016

#### **Appendix I**

#### **Application Form**

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To: District Lands Officer,	
[Contacts of the District Lands Offices are	
set out in Lands Department's website at www.landsd.gov.hk/en/about/enquiries.htm]	
Dear Sirs,	
(No. of undivided share(s)	<del></del>
I / We, (name of the Applicants) of (Lot / Lots / Premises or otherwise dispose of the [Lot / Lot Letter dated The scheduled date of	ts / Premises]* under the Waiver
I / We understand that upon receip application, the consent of the Director to [Lot / Lots / Premises said Waiver Letter will be deemed to have been Condition (10)(a)(ii) and 10(b) of the said Waiver I	]* as required under Condition 10(a)(i) of the given to me/us provided that I/we comply with
* Delete as appropriate	Yours faithfully,
Applicant(s	s)'s Signature:
	(H.K.I.D. Card Number(s):
Name of the Applicant(s) i	in Block Letters:
	Address:
Т	elephone Number:
AV.	Date:
Note:	

All owners must sign in the capacity of applicants.

#### **Appendix II**

#### **UNDERTAKING**

To: The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and
The Director of Lands

Re: \* (insert lot no & address) (the "Lot") /

(insert no. of undivided shares of the lot and address) (the "Premises")

I/we, (insert name(s)), being the purchaser(s)/assignee(s) of *the Lot/the Premises	
under an Assignment dated theday of, 20, which	
Lot/Premises is/are held from the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative	
Region (the "Hong Kong Government") under Conditions of Sale/Grant/Exchange	
No/New Grant No *(as varied or modified by a Modification	
Letter dated and registered in the Land Registry by Memorial	
No subject to a Waiver Letter dated and registered	
in the Land Registry by Memorial No @[which provisions are varied or	
modified by a letter dateds[and registered in the Land Registry by Memorial	
No]] (hereinafter referred to as "the Waiver Letter"),	
No ]] (hereinafter referred to as "the Waiver Letter"), HEREBY *[JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY] UNDERTAKE COVENANT AND CONFIRM	

(1) I/we shall observe, comply with and be bound by all the terms, conditions and covenants contained in the Waiver Letter as though I/we were a party to whom the Waiver Letter was addressed and accepting the same thereto #[and that I/we shall assume and perform such undertakings, indemnities, covenants, obligations

and liabilities on such joint and/or several basis as provided in the Waiver Letter with the other owners of the Lot and the Existing Building or any part thereof];

- ^ Insert only if building works for wholesale conversion are not completed
- ^^ Insert only if an extension letter was issued to the assignor
- ^{(2) I/we shall perform the covenants, obligations and liabilities of procuring the completion of all building works required or permitted under the Waiver Letter \*[jointly with the other owners of the Lot and the Existing Building or any part thereof]} ^^[not later than the date stipulated in paragraph 2 of a Letter of Extension dated issued by District Lands Officer];
  - (3) During the validity of the Waiver Letter, I/we shall not use \*the Lot/the Premises or any part or parts thereof or allow or suffer the same to be used for any purpose other than for the permitted purposes as specified in the Waiver Letter \*[and on terms as set out in the relevant schedule therein]; and
  - (4) During the validity of the Waiver Letter, I/we shall only be entitled to sell, assign or otherwise dispose of \*the Lot/the Premises or any interest therein or enter into any agreement so to do upon the following conditions:-
    - (i) I/we shall obtain consent of the Director of Lands to such sale, assignment or disposal; and
    - (ii) I/we shall, as a condition of completion of the assignment or conveyance, procure the purchaser or assignee of \*the Lot/the Premises to give an undertaking in favour of the Hong Kong Government and the Director of Lands similar to this Undertaking.

This Undertaking shall be registered by Memorial in the Land Registry by me/us contemporaneously with the registration of the assignment or conveyance of \*the Lot/the Premises to me/us.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF	I/we have hereunto set my/our hand(s) and seal this
day of20_	
SIGNED, SEALED and DELIVERED	<b>)</b> )
by (name of Purchaser(s)/Assignee(s))	
	)
in the presence of:	)
Solicitor,	
Hong Kong SAR	
Hong Rong 57 RC	
*IN WITNESS whereof we h	have caused our Common Seal to be hereunto affixed
thisday of20	·
SEALED with the Common Seal )	
of (name of Purchaser(s)/Assignee(s))	)
and SIGNED by	
)	
in the presence of/	
whose signature(s) is/are	
verified by : -	

Solicitor,

Hong Kong SAR

- \* delete whichever is inapplicable
- include in the case of an assignment of Premises or there are co-owners of the Lot
- insert the date and Memorial No. of the relaxation letter issued by the Government providing for the Director's deemed consent to disposal upon application. [This is not necessary where the Waiver Letter provides for the deemed consent of the Director in the Waiver Letter.]
- insert if the relaxation letter issued by the Government, providing for the Director's deemed consent to disposal upon application, has been registered in the Land Registry.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_.

[name of the Purchaser(s)/Assignee(s)]

TO

# THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION and THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS

#### **UNDERTAKING**

REGISTERED at the Land Registry by Memorial No.

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