



***PAQS Webinar 2020
COVID-19
A quick update on Singapore perspective***

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- Singapore government imposed circuit breaker measures : 7 April to 1 Jun 2020
- All construction projects were put on hold – more than 4000 projects affected
- COVID cases surged involving foreign workers' dormitory
- BCA has instituted projects restart initiatives – all projects to adopt Safe Measures (Safe workplace / worksite, safe accommodation, safe workforce and transport)
- As of Aug 2020, about 90% of the projects were granted approval to restart.
- Public sector projects – advanced payment arrangement to contractors and ex-gratia Co-sharing of Prolongation Cost due to COVID-19
- Introduced COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020 [COTMA]

Key Features of COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020

- Temporary relief – 6 months in the first instance, and up to 1 year.
- Contract is a construction or supply contract within the meaning of SOP Act
- Contract entered into before 25 March 2020; contractual obligation to be performed on or after 1 February 2020;
- Contractual obligation could not be performed due to COVID-19
- Notification for Relief – party must first service a Notification on the other party
- Reliefs available – Temporary moratorium, performance bond, delay damages, defence to a claim for a breach of contract
- Assessor's determination regime is introduced in the Act

THANK YOU!



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