

CLIENT UPDATE
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**ADJUDICATION MATTERS DURING THE EXTENDED
MOVEMENT CONTROL ORDER ("MCO") PERIOD**

1. Due to the imposition of the MCO, the Asian International Arbitration Centre ("AIAC"), being the adjudication authority under the Construction Industry Payment and Adjudication Act 2012 ("CIPAA 2012"), has announced the closure of its premises to coincide with the MCO.
2. We have also previously reached out to AIAC for clarification on the filing and registration of new adjudication matters. AIAC has since responded to us and in short, AIAC is unable and would not register new adjudication matters under the CIPAA 2012 for the time being due to the MCO and also the recent demise of the Director of AIAC, the late Mr. Vinayak Pradhan on 8th March 2020.
3. Further, the AIAC has also announced that it will extend the closure of its premise until **12 May 2020**. Consequently, the AIAC will not register new adjudication matters. The said announcement could be viewed [here](#).
4. Given the circumstances above, please note:
 - (a) that if you are the **Unpaid Party/Claimant**, any adjudication matters **which have not been previously registered** with the AIAC under CIPAA 2012 would be temporarily put on hold as documents could not be lodged/filed/served to the AIAC until after 12th May 2020, in which we are prepared to do so; and

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- (b) that if you are the **Non-Paying Party/Respondent**, the Unpaid Party/Claimant cannot register any **new adjudication matters** with the AIAC under CIPAA 2012 for this MCO period, if they have not already done so.
5. Please note however that the above only applies to **new adjudication matters** (those which have not been registered yet) and therefore, **does not apply to existing adjudication matters**.
6. Existing and ongoing adjudication matters would still continue as usual.

It is expected that the above will continue to apply in the event that the MCO is extended further. We will keep you updated of any further developments.

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