Assessing the Potential Impact of the Amendments to the Peninsular Malaysia Licensed Land Surveyors Act 1958 (Act 458) on Geomatic Survey

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SUMMARY

Peninsular Malaysia inherited the Torrens System of land registration. Title surveying forms an integral and important component of the land registration system. The Licensed Land Surveyors Act was passed in 1958 and plays its designated role in the licensing and control of licensed land surveyors. The Act was amended this year and approved by the Malaysian parliament. This presentation will highlight on the salient points of the legislative amendment focusing on its provisions of extending its jurisdiction to all geomatic surveys as defined by the amendments. The definition of "geomatic survey" in the amendment will be elaborated upon. In addition, provisions on registering all non-licensed surveyors who are involved in geomatic survey within a period of six months upon the enforcement of the legislative amendment will be discussed with respect to the registration criteria used prior to the amendment. Crucially, the anticipated impact of the amendment on the profession, in particular related academic programs, graduates and business competitiveness will be delved into. Suggestions and recommendations will be made on how the legislation can be improved for the betterment of the profession and nation. This paper will be of interest to all surveyors and professionals involved in geomatic surveys and decision makers in the land development, management and administration.

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