13/79

No.25 of 1977

#### IN THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL

#### O N APPEAL

#### FROM THE FEDERAL COURT OF MALAYSIA

#### BETWEEN:

- ENG MEE YONG (f)
- NG YEE HONG @ NG YUE HONG
- NG YEE FOO @ NY YUE FOO NG YEE DENG @ WOO YEE LING NG YEE CHEEN @ NG YUE CHUAN
- NG YEE THONG

Appellants (Applicants)

- and -

V. LETCHUMANAN s/o VELAYUTHAM

Respondent

#### RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

GASTERS, 44 Bedford Row, London, WCl

SMILES & CO., 15 Bedford Row, London, WCl

Solicitors for the Appellants

Solicitors for the Respondent

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#### RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 1

ORIGINATING MOTION No. 73 of 1975

In the High Court

No.1 Originating Motion dated 26th August 1975

IN THE MATTER of Section 327(1) of the National Land Code 1965

AND

IN THE MATTER of the land held under Grant No.2457 Lot 593, Mukim of Ampangan, District of Seremban

AND

IN THE MATTER of a Caveat Presentation No.59/74 Vol.38, Folio 66

#### BETWEEN

- Eng Mee Yong (f) l.
- 2.
- Ng Yee Hong @ Ng Yue Hong Ng Yee Foo @ Ng Yue Foo

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No.1 Originating Motion dated 26th August 1975

- 4. Ng Yee Deng @ Wood Yee Ling
- 5. Ng Yee Cheen @ Ng Yue Chuan
- 6. Ng Yee Thong

Applicants

#### AND

V. Letchumanan s/o Velayutham

Respondent

#### EX-PARTE ORIGINATING MOTION

TAKE NOTICE that on Monday the 13th day of October, 1975 at 9.30 o'clock in the forenoon or so soon thereafter as Counsel can be heard by Counsel for the abovenamed Applicants for an order:-

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- 1. That the Caveat presented by the Respondent above named against the land held under Grant No. 2457 for Lot 593 in the Mukim of Ampangan, District of Seremban (hereinafter referred to as "the said land") be forthwith removed pursuant to Section 327(1) of the National Land Code 1965 on the grounds following:-
  - (a) That the Respondent has no interest in the said land after he failed to complete the purchase on 28.9.74.

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- (b) That even if the Respondent had an interest in the said land the Respondent ceased to have any interest in the said land after he failed to complete the purchase on 28.9.74.
- (c) That the Respondent does not have any right to claim title to or any registrable interest in the said land or any right to such title or interest after he failed to complete the purchase on 28.9.74.

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- (d) That the said Caveat should not have been lodged by the Respondent on 28.9.74 when he failed to complete the purchase on that day and the Respondent should have withdrawn the said Caveat after 28.9.74.
- 2. That such damages as the Court shall deem fit be awarded to the Applicants pursuant to Section 329 of the National Land Code, 1965 for the Loss suffered by the Applicants as a

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result of the wrongful lodgment of the said Caveat and/or failure of the Respondent to withdraw the said Caveat after 28.9.74 and

3. That the costs of this application be paid by the Respondent.

Dated this 26th day of August, 1975.

In the High Court

No.1 Originating Motion dated 26th August 1975

Sd. Augustine Paul Senior Assistant Registrar, High Court, Seremban.

This Ex-Parte Originating Motion was taken out by Messrs. Chooi & Company, Advocates & Solicitors, Ming Building, Penthouse, Jalan Bukit Nanas, Kuala Lumpur.

This Motion will be supported by the Affidavit of Eng Mee Yong, Ng Yee Hong @ Ng Yue Hong, Ng Yee Foo @ Ng Yue Foo, Ng Yee Deng @ Wood Yee Ling. Ng Yee Cheen @ Ng Yue Chuan and Ng Yee Thong affirmed on the 7th day of August, 1975 and filed herein.

To:

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V.Letchumanan s/o Velayutham No.74 Paul Street, Seremban.

No.2 Affidavit of Eng Mee Yong dated 7th August 1975

#### No. 2

#### AFFIDAVIT OF ENG MEE YONG

## IN THE HIGH COURT IN MALAYA AT SEREMBAN ORIGINATING MOTION No. 73 OF 1975

In the matter of Section 327(1) of the National Land Code 1965

#### AND

In the matter of the land held under Grant No.2457 Lot 593, Mukim of Ampangan, District of Seremban

#### AND

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In the matter of a Caveat Presentation No.59/74 Vol. 38, Folio 66

#### BETWEEN

- 1. Eng Mee Yong (f)
- 2. Ng Yee Hong @ Ng Yue Hong
- 3. Ng Yee Foo @ Ng Yue Foo
- 4. Ng Yee Deng @ Woo Yee Ling
- 5. Ng Yee Cheen @ Ng Yue Chuan
- 6. Ng Yee Thong

Applicants

#### AND

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V. Letchumanan s/o Velayutham

Respondent

#### AFFIDAVIT

We, ENG MEE YONG (I/C No. 1744999), NG YEE HONG @ NG YUE HONG (I/C No. 2003064) NG YEE FOO @ NG YUE FOO (I/C No. 1999070), NG YEE DENG @ WOO YEE LING (I/C No. 1634708), NG YEE CHEEN @ NG YUE CHUAN (I/C No.2509475) and NG YEE THONG (I/C No.1999937) all of No.8, Rover Road, Seremban, Negri Sembilan of full age hereby affirm and state as follows:-

1. We are the Applicants abovenamed.

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2. We are the co-owners of the land held under Grant No.2457 for Lot 593 in the Mukim of Ampangan, District of Seremban measuring 44a. lr. 30p. (hereinafter referred to as "the said land").

3. By a written agreement dated 28.6.74 and made between ourselves as Vendors and the Respondent, V. Letchumanan s/o Velayutham (I/C No.0885391) of No. 74, Paul Street, Sememban, Negri Sembilan, as Purchaser (hereinafter referred to as "the said agreement") the Respondent agreed to purchase the said land at an agreed total price of 827,656.25 and upon the terms and conditions therein stated. A copy of the said agreement is annexed herewith and marked "Pl".

In the High Court
No.2
Affidavit of Eng Mee Yong dated 7th August 1975

- 4. By Clause 3 of the said agreement it was provided that "the purchase shall be completed on or before the 28th day of September 1974 at the office of Messrs. Chan & Chia, Advocates & Solicitors, No.39, Jalan Tuanku Hassan, Seremban, when Purchaser shall pay to the Vendors the balance of the purchase price amounting to \$699,890.63. In the interpretation of this Clause time shall be the essence
- 5. The Respondent failed to complete the purchase or the balance of the purchase price amounting to \$699,890.63 on or before 28.9.74 or any other date.

of this contract."

- 6. By Clause 5 of the said agreement it was provided that "if the Purchaser shall fail to pay the balance of the purchase price in accordance with clause 1 and whatever payments made thereunder shall be irrecoverably forfeited to the Vendors as agreed and liquidated damages for breach of Contract."
- 7. In accordance with Clause 5 of the said agreement we forfeited the sums paid by the Respondent. A copy of the letter dated 30.9.74 from our then Solicitors Messrs. Chan & Chia to the Respondent is annexed herewith and marked "P2". A copy of the letter dated 30.9.74 from our then Solicitors Messrs. Chan & Chia to the Respondent's Solicitors Messrs. Muthu & Peri is also annexed herewith and marked "P3". The reply from Messrs. Muthu & Peri dated 25.10.74 is also annexed herewith and marked "P4".
- 8. We have never agreed to the extension of two months beyond the 28.9.74 for the completion

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No.2 Affidavit of Eng Mee Yong dated 7th August 1975

- of the purchase or any extension at all. In any event the Respondent made no attempt to complete the purchase at any time.
- 9. We were notified by the Registrar of Titles, Seremban, by a Notice in Form 19A dated 9th November, 1974 that a Private Caveat had been lodged by the Respondent. A copy of this notice is annexed herewith and marked "P.5".
- 10. The Respondent has no interest in the said land whatsoever after he failed to complete the purchase on 28.9.74 and the sums were forfeited in accordance with the said agreement.

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- 11. We applied to the Registrar of Titles, Seremban under Section 326(1) of the National Land Code 1965 on 6th January, 1975 for the removal of the said Private Caveat lodged by the Respondent. A copy of our application is annexed and marked "P6".
- 12. Our then Solicitors Messrs. Chan & Chia were informed by the Registrar of Titles, Seremban on 3rd June 1975 that the Notice of Intended Removal of Caveat in Form 19C could not be served on the said Respondent as the Collector of Land Revenue, Seremban has stated that the Respondent has moved to another place and his present address is unknown. The Collector further stated that action to have the notice served under Section 431(1)(d) of the National Land Code was also unsuccessful as the envelope containing the notice was returned by the Postal Department with the remark "Unclaimed". A copy of this letter from the Registrar of Titles, Seremban, dated 3.6.75 is annexed herewith and marked "P7".
- 13. We are advised and we verily believe that the said Respondent has no interest in the said land whatsoever and we are aggrieved by the existence of this Private Caveat Presentation No. 59/74 Vol. 38 Folio 66 lodged by the Respondent as the existence of the said Caveat prohibits the sale and transfer of the said land.
- 14. We crave the indulgence of this Honourable Court and apply under Section 327(1) of the National Land Code for an order for the removal of the said Caveat lodged by the Respondent in terms of the Ex-Parte Originating Motion.

Affirmed by the abovenamed )
ENG MEE YONG, NG YEE HONG )
@ NG YUE HONG, NG YEE FOO )
@ NG YEE DENT @ WOO YEE )
LING, NG YEE CHEEN @ NG YUE)
CHUAN and NG YEE THONG at )
Kuala Lumpur this 7th day of August, 1975 at 2.30 p.m.

In the High Court
No.2
Affidavit
of Eng Mee

dated 7th

August 1975

Yong

Before me,

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Sd: Illegible Commissioner for Oaths

This Affidavit is filed on behalf of the Applicants by Messrs. Chooi & Company, Advocates & Solicitors, Ming Building, Jalan Bukit Nanas, Kuala Lumpur.

No.3

No.3 Exhibit

EXHIBITS TO THE AFFIDAVIT OF ENG MEE YONG "P.1."

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#### AGREEMENT

AN AGREEMENT made this 28th day of June, 1974 between MADAM ENG MEE YONG (I.C.No.1744999), NG YEE HONG @ NG YUE HONG (I.C.No.2005064), NG YEE FOO @ NG YUE FOO (I.C. No.1999070), NG YEE DENG @ WOO YEE LING (I.C. No. 1634708) NG YEE CHEEN @ NG YUE CHUAN (I.C.No.2509465) and NG YEE THONG (I.C.No.1999937) all of No.8 River Road, Seremban, Negri Sembilan (hereinafter jointly called the Vendors) of the one part and V. LETCHUMANAN S/O VELAYUTHAM (I.C. No.0885391) of No.74, Paul Street, Seremban (hereinafter called the Purchaser) of the other part

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WHEREAS the Vendors are the registered proprietors of the land held under Grant No.2457 for Lot No.593 in the Mukim of Ampangan,

In the High Court
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"P.1."

District of Seremban containing by measurement 44a. 1r. 30p. (hereinafter referred to as the said land).

AND WHEREAS by an Agreement made on the 16th day of December 1973 (hereinafter referred to as the former Agreement) between the Vendors and the Purchaser, the Vendors agreed to sell and the Purchaser agreed to purchase the said land subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the former Agreement.

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AND WHEREAS the Vendors and the Purchaser have mutually agreed to determine the former Agreement.

AND WHEREAS the Vendors are desirous of selling and the Purchaser is desirous of purchasing the said land at the agreed total price of \$827,656.25c (Dollars Eight hundred and twenty-seven thousand six hundred and fifty-six and cents twenty-five only) subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter appearing.

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#### WHEREBY IT IS AGREED AS FOLLOWS :-

1. The Vendors shall sell and the Purchaser shall purchase the said land free from all registered encumbrances at the agreed total price of \$827,656.25c (Dollars Eight hundred and twenty-seven thousand six hundred and fifty-six and cents twenty-five only) whereof the Vendors have on the execution of these presents received the sum of \$97,765.62c (Dollars Ninety-seven thousand seven hundred and sixty-five and cents sixty-two only) by way of deposit and in part payment of the purchase price.

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2. The Purchaser shall pay to the Vendors a further sum of \$30,000/- (Dollars Thirty thousand only) on or before the 29th day of July, 1974 towards the account of the purchase price of the said land failing which the deposit referred to in Clause 1 hereof shall be irrecoverably forfeited to the Vendors as agreed and liquidated damages for breach of contract. In the interpretation of this clause time shall be the essence of this contract.

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3. The purchase shall be completed on or before the 28th day of September 1974 at the office of Messrs. Chan & Chia, Advocates & Solicitors,

39, Jalan Tunku Hassan, Seremban, when the Purchaser shall pay to the Vendors the balance of the purchase price amounting to \$699,890.63c (Dollars Six hundred and ninety-nine thousand eight hundred and ninety and cents sixty-three only). In the interpretation of this clause time shall be the essence of this contract.

In the High Court
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- 4. The transfer of the said land shall be effected upon payment of the balance of the purchase price when the Vendors shall execute and deliver a valid and registrable transfer of the said land in favour of the Purchaser or his nominee/nominees. Possession of the said land shall be delivered by the Vendors to the Purchaser or his nominee/nominees on the day following the date of the execution of the transfer.
- 5. If the Purchaser shall fail to pay the balance of the purchase price in accordance with Clause 3 hereof, the deposit referred to in Clause 1 and whatever payments made thereafter shall be irrecoverably forfeited to the Vendors as agreed and liquidated damages for breach of contract.
  - 6. The Vendors expressly undertake to sign any document or documents that may be asked to be signed by the Purchaser and or his nominee or nominees and or his agent in respect of developing the aforesaid land into a housing estate and obtaining access road to the said land.
  - 7. The Vendors shall be liable to pay and settle all the quiterent, rates, assessment and all other outgoings up to the 16th day of June 1974 and if the same or any part thereof has not been settled by the Vendors as at the date of transfer then the Purchaser shall be entitled to deduct the same from the said balance of the purchase price at the time of the said transfer.
  - 8. All stamp and registration fees on this Agreement and of the transfer to the Purchaser and or his nominee or nominees including all legal costs shall be borne by the Purchaser.
  - 9. The Vendors shall be liable to specific

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No.3 Exhibit performance under this Agreement in the event of their breach of failure to cause the said land being registered in the name of the Purchaser or his nominee.

- 10. Time wherever mentioned shall be the essence of this contract.
- 11. All notices required to be served hereunder by one party to the other shall be served personally or sent by registered letter post to the respective addresses as shown in this Agreement of the parties hereto or to such other address as either party may from time to time appoint by notice in writing to the other for the service of notices hereunder.

12. This Agreement shall be binding upon the successors in title and assigns of the Vendors and the personal representatives successors and assigns of the Purchaser.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands on the day and year first above written

SIGNED by the said Vendors) (Sgd) Eng Mee Yong in the presence of :- ) (Madam Eng Mee Yong)

(Sgd) John Chia JOHN CHIA SIN TET ADVOCATE & SOLICITOR SEREMBAN.

(Sgd) Ng Yee Hong (Ng Yee Hong @ Ny Yue Hong)

(Sgd) (Ng Yee Foo @ Ng Yue Foo)

(Sgd) Woo Yee Ling (Ng Yee Deng @ Woo Yee 30 Ling)

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(Sgd) Ng Yee Chuan (Ng Yee Cheen @ Ng Yee Chuan)

(Sgd) Ng Yee Thong (Ng Yee Thong)

SIGNED by the said Purchaser) in the presence of:

(Sgd) V.Letchumanan

(Sgd)

No. 4

In the High Court

No.4
Exhibit "P2"

EXHIBIT MARKED "P2" referred to THE AFFIDAVIT ENG MEE YONG (f) & 5 OTHERS AFFIRMED ON 7.8.75

CHAN & CHIA
PEGUAMBELA & PEGUAMCARA
Advocates & Solicitors
TINGKAT SATU, 87 JALAN BIRCH, SEREMBAN
Talipon: 74466 Rumah: 74440

Bil.Surat Komi: N/L(2) 696/74

CHAN CHOONG TAK CHIA SIN TET, JOHN

30th September 1974

Mr. V.Letchumanan s/o Velayutham, No.74, Paul Street, Seremban.

Dear Sir.

re: Agreement dated 28th June 1974
entered into between Madam Eng Mee
Yong and five others of the one part
and V.Letchumanan s/o Velayuthan of
the other part - Grant No.2457 for Lot
No,593 Mukim of Ampangan

With reference to the above-referred Agreement, we are instructed by the Vendors to notify you, which we hereby do, that as a result of your breach of Clause 3 of the said Agreement our clients have pursuant to Clause 5 thereof forfeited the deposit and the sum of \$30,000/-(Dollars Thirty thousand only).

Yours faithfully, (Sgd) Chan & Chia

C.C.

- 1. Messrs. Muthu & Peri, Advocates & Solicitors, No.46, Jalan Tunku Hassan, (1st Floor), Seremban. (Your ref: MP/S/M 25/73)
- 2. Madam Eng Mee Yong and 5 others, No.8, River Road, Seremban.

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No.5 Exhibit "P3" No. 5

EXHIBIT MARKED "P3" REFERRED TO THE AFFIDAVIT OF ENG MEE YONG & 5 OTHERS AFFIRMED ON 7.8.75

CHAN & CHIA
PEGUAMBELA & PEGUAMCARA
Advocates & Solicitors
TINCKAT SATU, 87 JALAN BIRCH, SEREMBAN
Talipon: 74466 Rumah: 74440

Bil.Surat Komi: N/L(2) 696/74

Bil.Surat Tuan: MP/S/M 25/73

CHAN CHOONG TAK CHIA SIN TET, JOHN

BY HAND

30th September 1974

Messrs. Muthu & Peri, Advocates & Solicitors, No.46, Jalan Tunku Hassan, (1st Floor), Seremban.

Dear Sirs,

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re: Agreement dated 28th June 1974 entered into between Madam Eng Mee Yong and five others of the one part and V. Letchumanan s/o Velayutham of the other part - Grant No.2457 Lot No.593

Mukim of Ampangan

We act for Madam Eng Mee Yong and five others, the Vendors under the above-referred Agreement.

Our instructions are that you are in possession of our clients' document of title Grant No.2457 Lot 30 No.593 Mukim of Ampangan pending completion of the above-referred Agreement.

Now that the Agreement has been terminated, kindly let us have the document of title for onward transmission to our clients.

Yours faithfully, (Sgd) Chan & Chia

c.c.
Madam Eng Mee Yong and
5 others,
No.8, River Road,
Seremban.

In the
High Court
No.5
Exhibit "P3"

Enclosed please find our Bill No.371/74 for early settlement.

Encl:

No. 6

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EXHIBIT MARKED "P4" REFERRED TO THE AFFIDAVIT OF ENG MEE YONG (f) & 5 OTHERS AFFIRMED ON 7.8.75 In the High Court
No.6
Exhibit "P4"

MUTHU & PERI Advocates & Solicitors

PEGUAM<sub>2</sub>BELA DAN PEGUAM<sub>2</sub> CHARA

No.46, Jalan Tunku Hassan, (1st Floor) Seremban, Malaysia Tel:73011 Seremban

M.Muthupalaniyappan S.Periasamy

25th October, 1974

Surat Tuan: N/L(2) 696/74 20 Surat Kami: MP/S/M 25/73

> Messrs. Chan & Chia, Advocates & Solicitors, 1st Floor, 87, Jalan Birch, SEREMBAN.

Sirs,

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Re: Agreement dated 28th June 1974 entered into between Madam Eng Mee Yong and five others of the one part and V.Letchumanan s/o Velayutham of the other part - Grant No.2457 Lot No.593 in the Mukim of Ampangan

With reference to your letter dated 30th September 1974 to our client Mr. V.Letchumanan s/o Velayutham, we are instructed by our said

No.6 Exhibit client to reply thereto as follows :-

- 1. Our said client denies that he is in breach of clause three of the above-said agreement. Our client states that he and your clients have orally agreed for an extension of two months beyond the 28th day of September 1974 for the completion of the purchase.
- 2. Our said client denies that your clients are entitled to forfeit any sum at all.
- 3. Without prejudice to our paragraphs 1 and 2 above our client states that forfeiture of a sum of \$127,765.62 out of a purchase price of \$827,656.25 is undue. Even if your clients are entitled to make forfeiture of any sum at all which our client denies, our client states that forfeiture of any sum over and above \$82,765.62 is excessive and would be a penalty.
- 4. Our said client states that he would complete the purchase on or before the agreed extended date of 28th November, 1974.

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Yours faithfully, (Sgd) Muthu & Peri

MP/tch cc. Client

No. 7

EXHIBIT MARKED "P5" REFERRED TO THE AFFIDAVIT OF ENG MEE YONG (f) & 5 OTHERS AFFIRMED ON 7.8.75

In the High Court
No.7
Exhibit
"P.5"

National Land Code Form 19A (Section 321)

NOTICE OF THE ENTRY OF A CAVEAT

To Eng Mee Yong (f), Ng Yee Hong @ Ng Yue Hong, Ng Yee Foo @ Ng Yue Foo, Ng Yee Deng @ Woo Yee Ling, Ng Yee Cheen @ Ng Yue Chuan and Ng Yee Thong of No.8, River Road, Seremban.

proprietor of the land described in the schedule below;

lessee/sub-lessee/chargee-under-the-lesse/sub-lesse

This is to inform you that, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 321/324/330, I have this day entered, upon the register document of title to the said land --

(a) a-Registraris-Gavest

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(b) a Private Caveat/<del>Lien-helder's-Caveat</del> on the application of V.Letchumanan s/o Velayutham.

This caveat is expressed to bind --

the land itself/the-particular-interest described in the said schedule; and

the effect thereof is --

Whole Share

Dated this 9th day of November 1974

Sdn. Illegible ? Pendaftar/<del>Pemungut</del> Grant State/<del>District</del> Negeri Sembilan

In the High Court  No.7 Exhibit "P.5"	Town/Vill- age/Mukim	Lot/Par- cel/L.O. No.	Descrip- tion and No. of Title	Share of land (if any)		Regist- ered No. of Charge (if any)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)

This is the True Translation of the Original Document produced in Serial No.122 of 1977

Nil

Nil

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(Sgd) Su Cheng Yee (SU CHENG YEE) Certified Translator Su Translation Service & Commissioner for Oaths

Ampangan Lot 593 Gt.2457 Whole

Mukim

No. 8

EXHIBIT MARKED "P6" REFERRED TO THE AFFIDAVIT OF ENG MEE YONG (f) & 5 OTHERS AFFIRMED ON 7.8.75 In the High Court No.8 Exhibit "P.6"

No.8, River Road, Seremban

6th January, 1975

Registrar of Titles,
Titles Registration Department,
Seremban.

Sir,

Re: Grant No.2457 Lot No.593
District of Ampangan

We the undersigned are the owners of the land mentioned above.

- 2. We have been informed that a Personal Caveat Volume 38 folio 66 has been filed by Encik V.Letchumanan s/o Velayutham on the above land on 9th November, 1974.
- 3. We are applying to you to remove the Caveat under section 326(1) of the National Land Code by serving a copy of the Notice in form 19C to Encik V.Letchumanan s/o Velayuthan.

Thank you,

Yours faithfully,

Sgd; (Eng Mee Yong (f))

Sgd: (Ng Yee Hong @ Ng Yue Hong)

Sgd: (Ng Yee Foo @ Ng Yue Foo)

Sgd: (Ng Yee Deng @ Woo Yee Ling)

Sgd: (Ng Yee Cheen @ Ng Yue Chuan)

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In the High Court No.8 Exhibit "P.6"

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(Sgd) Su Cheng Yee

(SU CHENG YEE)
Certified Translator
Su Translation Service &
Commissioner for Oaths

No.8, River Road, Seremban.

6hb Januari, 1975

Pendaftar Geran, Pejabat Pendaftaran Geran, Seremban.

Tuan,

Per: Grant No.2457 Lot No.593 Mukim Ampangan

Kami yang bertandatangan dibawah ini adalah tuan-tuan punya tanah yang tersebut diatas.

Kami telah diberitahu bahawa satu Caveat Persendirian Jilid 38 Folio 66 telah dimasokkan oleh Encik V.Letchumanan s/o Velayutham diatas tanah itu pada 9hb November, 1974.

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Kami dengan ini memohon kepada tuan supaya tuan menarik caveat tersebut menurut seksyen 326(1) Kanun Tanah Negara dengan menyerahkan satu notis keatas Encik V. Letchumanan s/o Velayutham didalam Borang 19C.

Terima kasih.

Yang benar,

- (Sgd) Eng Mee Yong (Eng Mee Yong (f))
- (Sgd) Ng Yue Hong (Ng Yee Hong @ Ng Yue Hong)
- (Sgd) Ng Yue Foo (Ng Yee Foo @ Ng Yue Foo)
- (sgd) Woo Yee Ling (Ng Yee Deng @ Woo Yee Ling)
- (Sgd) Ng Yue Chuan (Ng Yee Cheen @ Ng Yue Chuan)40

No. 9

EXHIBIT MARKED "P7" REFERRED TO THE AFFIDAVIT OF ENG MEE YONG (f) AND 5 OTHERS AFFIRMED on 7.8.75 In the High Court No.9 Exhibit "P.7"

2/5/696/75

Our ref: PKNS/ 443(8)

M/s. Chan & Chia, Advocates & Solicitors, First Floor, No.39 Jalan Tunku Hassan, Seremban

Sir,

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Grant No.2457 Lot No. 593 District of Ampangan

With reference to your letters N/L (2) dated 1st April, 1975 and 2/5/696/74 dated 31st May 1975, I am to inform you that the caveat mentioned is still not removed as the Notice in Form 19C - Notice of Intended Removal of Caveat - could not be served on the caveator - Mr. V.Letchumanan s/o Velayutham c/o No.74, Jalan Paul, Seremban.

- 2. The Collector of Land Revenue, Seremban, has reported that the caveator has moved to a new address and the new address is not known. Endeavours to effect service as stipulated under section 431(1)(d) of the National Land Code has also been unsuccessful as the envelope containing the said notice has been returned and marked "unclaimed" by the Postal Service Department.
- 3. Under the circumstances, your client is advised to forward the application to Court under section 327(1), of the National Land Code, because action taken in pursuant of section 431 (1)(e) will take a longer time.
- 4. Please inform us of the decision taken in this matter.

Thank you,
I am, Your obedient servant,
(Sgd)
(MOHD. LAZIM B. ISMAIL)

(f) Registrar of Title, Negeri Sembilan.

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19.

In the High Court No.9 Exhibit "P.7"

This is the True Translation of the Original Document produced in Serial No.123 of 1977

(Sgd) Su Cheng Yee (SU CHENG YEE) Certified Translator Su Translation Service & Commissioner for Oaths

Talipon: Seremban 72311 Bil.Fail Kita: PGNS.443 (8)

PENDAFTAR GERAN, PEJABAT

NEGERI SEMBILAN

Seremban 3hb. Jun, 1975

Kapada Tetuan Chan & Chia,
Peguam-peguambela &
Peguam-peguamcara,
Tingkat Satu,
No.39, Jalan Tunku Hassan.
Seremban.

Tuan,

## Grant No. 2457 Lot No. 593 Mukim Ampangan

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Dengan hormatnya surat-surat tetuan N/L (2) 696/75 bertarikh 1hb. April, 1975 dan 2/5/696/74 bertarikh 31hb. Mei, 1975 dirujukkan, dan dimaklumkan bahawa caveat tersebut masih belum dipotong (removed) olih kerana notis dalam Borang 19C - Notis Berkenaan Dengan Cadangan Hendak Memotong Caveat masih belum dapat diserahkan kepada pengcaveat, Encik V. Letchumanan a/l Velayutham, d/a No.74, Jalan Paul, Seremban.

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2. Pemungut Hasil Tanah, Seremban telah melapurkan bahawa beliau itu telah berpindah ketempat lain dan alamatnya yang baharu tidak diketahui. Usaha untuk menyerahkannya dengan cara yang dinyatakan olih seksyen 431(1)(d), Kanun Tanah Negara telah juga tidak berjaya olih kerana sampul yang mengandungi notis tersebut telah dikembalikan semula olih Jabatan Perkhidmatan Pos dengan bertanda 'unclaimed'.

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3. Dengan sebab itu adalah dinasihatkan supaya

pelanggan tuan mengemukakan permohonan kepada Mahkamah mengikut seksyen 327(1), Kanun Tanah Negara, olih kerana jika tindakan mengikut seksyen 431(1)(e), akan mengambil masa yang agak lama.

In the High Court No.9

Exhibit

"P.7"

4. Sila beritahu saya akan keputusannya berkenaan perkara ini.

Skeian, terima kasih.

Saya yang menurut perintah,

(Sgd) Lazim Ismail

(MOHD. LAZIM BEN ISMAIL) b.p. Pendaftar Geran, Negeri Sembilan

(kr)

No.10 Affidavit of V. Letchumanan dated 4th November 1975

#### No.10

AFFIDAVIT OF V. LETCHUMANAN AFFIRMED ON 4th November 1975

IN THE HIGH COURT IN MALAYA AT SEREMBAN ORIGINATING MOTION NO.73 OF 1975

In the matter of Section 327(1) of the National Land Code 1965

#### AND

In the matter of the Land held under Grant No. 2457 Lot 593, Mukim of Ampangan, District of Seremban

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#### AND

In the matter of a Caveat Presentation No.59/74 Vol. 38, Folio 66.

#### BETWEEN

AND

1. Eng Mee Yong (f)
2. Ng Yee Hong @ Ng Yue Hong )
3. Ng Yee Foo @ Ng Yue Foo )
4. Ng Yee Deng @ Woo Yee Ling ) Appli
5. Ng Yee Cheen @ Ng Yue Chuan )

Applicants

### Ng Yee Thong

V. Letchumanan s/o Velayutham

Respondent

#### AFFIDAVIT

- I, V. Letchumanan s/o Velayutham of full age and residing at 155, Jalan Birch (upstairs), Seremban do solemnly affirm and state as follows:
- 1. I am the Respondent herein.
- 2. I crave leave to refer to the affidavit of the Applicants affirmed on the 7th day of August, 1975 and filed in support of this motion and especially to paragraphs 3, 4 and 6 of the said affidavit.

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3. Several agreements were entered into between

the Applicants and the Respondent and not just one as alleged.

- 4. The Agreement in writing dated the 28th June, 1974 is not the final nor the first written agreement.
- 5. The first written agreement was dated the 16th December, 1973.

This agreement was not specifically cancelled or withdrawn by any subsequent agreement in writing.

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- 6. A copy of the agreement dated the 16th December, 1973 is attached herewith and marked 'A' and hereinafter referred to as the 'First Agreement'.
- 7. The actual purchase price of the land in question is \$777,656.25 as stated in the First Agreement.
- 8. The sum of \$827,656.25 stated in the agreement dated 28th June, 1974 is not the actual purchase price.
  - 9. Nor does the said agreement contain all the terms agreed to by the Applicants and the Respondent as a part of the terms were oral.
  - 10. The oral terms were that time should not be of the essence as a sum of \$50,000/- over and above the purchase price had been agreed to be paid by me to the Applicants.
- The said 'extra' sum of \$50,000/agreed to be paid (and which sum was in fact paid in two instalments) by me was paid by 30 way of part consideration for the promise that the Applicants would grant me all the time needed to arrange for the development of the property in question in association with a Third Party. The purchase price was to be paid to the applicants on the completion of such arrangements and on receipt by me of certain payments by such Third Party. rest of the consideration was in the nature of the facts alleged hereinafter in paragraphs 40 17-21.

In the High Court

No.10 Affidavit of V. Letchumanan dated 4th November 1975

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- 12. The Second Agreement came into being as a result of a Third Party needing further time the circumstances of which are known to the Applicants and also as a result of the Applicants attempting to terminate the first Agreement.
- On 24th June, 1974 the Applicants had attempted to terminate the first Agreement and forfeit a sum of \$77,756.65 paid thereunder. A copy of the Applicants' Solicitors' letter dated 24th June, 1974 is attached hereto and marked 'B'.

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- 14. It was agreed from the beginning that the time mentioned in the Second Agreement was not to be enforced at all.
- The land in question was surrounded by other lands and did not have an approach road.
- Third Parties were not interested in the land unless and until an approach road had been built connecting the said land to the Highway and the Applicants knew that no Third person would agree to contribute to its development until this was done.

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This position was clearly understood by 17. the Applicants even before the First Agreement was drawn up and the Applicants merely took advantage of the written terms therein to force me into a second agreement upon payment of a further \$50,000/- and which payment was made to appear as part of the purchase price.

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- 18. Accordingly I on 7th January, 1974 applied on behalf of the Applicants and with their consent an application to the State Authorities to approve the construction of an approach road over and through State Land under section 390 of the Land Code.
- 19. All documents relating to the Application survey and other matters in connection with the read are annexed hereto and marked c1; c2; c3; c4;  $C^{5}$ ;  $C^{6}$ ;  $C^{7}$ ;  $C^{8}$  and  $C^{9}$ .
- The road was completed in May this year and 40 I am awaiting formal and final approval from the Survey Department before the same can be deemed approved.

21. The construction of the road by me over State Land has enhanced the value of the property to a great extent.

- 22. The fact that I built the access road and have borne every expense in connection therewith is not mentioned in the second agreement.
- 23. I therefore say that the second agreement does not contain all the terms agreed upon nor the consideration for the various oral terms agreed and acted upon.

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- 24. There are external circumstances which create doubt as to the proper application of those words in the second agreement which seeks to impose upon me an absolute time limit.
- 25. The negotiations with the Third Party were in progress when the Applicants by letter purported to terminate the agreement notwithstanding that they had agreed to grant what has been described as an 'extension of time' for a period of two months from the 28th September, 1974.
- 26. There is no provision in the agreement for the termination of the contract and the contract has up to date not be expressly terminated and it cannot be deemed terminated except by express agreement.
- 27. As the Applicants having first agreed and later refused an extension the Respondent was in a quandry vis a vis the Third Party who wanted confirmation that the Applicants should sell the said land to the Respondent.
- 28. The Respondent also says that the Applicants' failure to honour the agreement to grant an extension of time as stated in paragraph 25 resulted in the Respondent's inability to complete the purchase.
- 29. The contract is such that the moment it came into existence and also upon the payment of a substantial initial sum the ownership of the land was, in equity, transferred by that contract from Applicants to the Respondent subject to the payment of the whole of the purchase price.

## In the High Court

No.10 Affidavit of V. Letchumanan dated 4th November 1975

No.10 Affidavit of V. Letchumanan dated 4th November 1975 This is especially so where the agreement does not expressly provide for its termination.

- 30. It was under the circumstances described in paragraphs 25, 26, 27 and 28 that the Caveat was lodged and the circumstances are such as to entitle me to an interest in the said land in equity.
- 31. The refusal for an 'extension' was unreasonable and unlawful bearing in mind all the circumstances of the case; the nature of the various agreements; the total amount paid and which amount exceeded the usual deposit of 10% of the purchase price; the fact that the Applicants actively encouraged the Respondent to expend money in obtaining a right of way thereby benefiting the Applicants by enhancing the value of the said land and the fact that the Applicants all along were aware of the Respondent's negotiations with the Third Party.

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- 32. I have therefore an interest in the land in question and that in the special circumstances of this case the Applicants are to be deemed holding the land for me in trust.
- 33. The issue document of Title was always in my custody until my lawyers against my objections returned it to the Applicants. The said document of title was returned together with a letter from my Solicitors "Muthu & Peri" dated 14th October, 1974 a copy of which is attached hereto and marked 'D'.
- 34. The Applicants furthermore have on 30th September, 1974 purported to forfeit the sum of \$97,765.62 described as a deposit in the second agreement together with a further sum of \$30,000/paid under the second agreement i.e. a total of \$127,765.62.
- 35. The Applicants are not entitled to forfeit these sums.
- 36. As I have enhanced the value of the land by building an access road with the knowledge and consent of the Applicants the Applicants are estopped for denying my interest in the said land.
- 37. I was obliged to lodge the Caveat as the

Applicants were about to disregard the actual terms of the agreement and forfeit to their own use all moneys paid by me and all this notwithstanding the fact that work was still going on on building the approved road.

38. I have also lodged a further Caveat setting out my grounds more fully for claiming an interest in the said land on 10th October, 1975 and have given due notice to the Applicants.

In the High Court

No.10 Affidavit of V. Letchumanan dated 4th November 1975

I have also caused a Writ (Civil Suit No. 288/75) to be issued claiming that the Applicants do complete the purchase and for a declaration that the Applicants are not entitled to forfeit the sum of \$127,765.62.

39. There are numerous disputed questions acts, oral agreements and other undertakings relating to this matter so much so that an Originating Notice of Motion is not a satisfactory method for approaching the Court to have the issues determined.

40. I therefore pray for an order that the application be dismissed or that an order be made for issues to be tried.

Affirmed by the said V. )
Letchumanan s/o Velayutham)
at Seremban this 4th day .) Sd.
of November, 1975 at 10.30)
a.m.

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Sd: K. Purushotman Commissioner for Oaths, High Court, Seremban.

Filed by Messrs. N.Ramachandran & Co., Solicitors for the Respondent, whose address for service is at Yusof Building, Seremban.

No.11 Exhibit A to Affidavit of V. Letchumanan affirmed on 4th November 1975

#### No.11

EXHIBIT MARKED "A" TO AFFIDAVIT OF V.LETCHUMANAN AFFIRMED ON 4th November 1975

#### AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made the 16th day of
December, 1973 BETWEEN MADAM ENG MEE YONG
(N.R.I.C. No.1744999); NG YEE HONG @ NG YUE HONG
(N.R.I.C. No.2005064); NG YEE FOO @ NG YUE FOO
(N.R.I.C.No. 1999070); NG YEE DENG @ WOO YEE LING
(N.R.I.C. No.1634708); NG YEE CHEEN @ NG YUE CHUAN
(N.R.I.C. No.2509465); NG YEE THONG (N.R.I.C.
No.1999937) all of No.8 River Road, Seremban,
Negeri Sembilan (hereinafter jointly called the
Vendors) of the one part and V. LETCHUMANAN s/o
VELAYUTHAM (N.R.I.C. No. 0885391) of No.74 Paul
Street, Seremban (hereinafter called the
Purchaser) of the other part

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WHEREAS the Vendors are the registered proprietors of the land held under Grant No.2457 for Lot No.593 in the Mukim of Ampangan, District of Seremban containing by measurement 44a. lr. 30p. (hereinafter referred to as the "said Land")

AND WHEREAS the Vendors are desirous of selling and the purchaser is desirous of purchasing the said land at the agreed price of \$777,656.25cts. (Dollars Seven hundred and seventy-seven thousand, six hundred and fifty-six and cents twenty-five only) at \$17,500.00 (Dollars Seventeen thousand and five hundred only) per acre.

NOW THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH as follows:

- 1. In consideration of the sum of \$20,000.00 (Dollars Twenty thousand only) paid by the purchaser to the Vendors (which sum the Vendors hereby jointly and severally acknowledge receipt) as part payment the Vendors hereby agree to sell and the Purchaser agrees to purchase the said land free from all encumbrances upon the terms and conditions hereinafter contained.
- 2. The purchase price of the said land shall be

the sum of \$777,656.25cts at the rate of \$17,500.00 per acre. The aforesaid sum of \$20,000.00 only referred to Clause 1 hereof and paid to the Vendors shall be treated towards account of such purchase price.

# 3. The purchase herein shall be completed on or before the 16th day of June, 1974 and the balance of the purchase price amounting to \$757,656.25cts. (Dollars Seven hundred and fifty-seven thousand six hundred and fifty-six and cents twenty-five only) shall be paid by the Purchaser to the Vendors in the manner hereinafter provided:

## (a) The purchaser shall pay a further sum of \$57,765.62cts. (Dollars Fifty-seven thousand seven hundred and sixty-five and cents sixty-two only) on or before 16th day of January, 1974 direct to the vendors towards the account of purchase price of the said land.

- (b) The purchaser shall deposit the balance of the full purchase price amounting to \$699,890.63cts. (Dollars Six hundred and ninety-nine thousand and Eight hundred and ninety and cents sixty-three only) on or before the 16th day of June, 1974 with Messrs. Muthu & Peri, Advocates & Solicitors No.46 Jalan Tunku Hassan, Seremban (hereinafter called the Solicitors) who shall hold same as stakeholders.
- (c) Within seven days from receipt of a notification from the said solicitors of the aforesaid deposit of the balance of the purchase price amounting to \$699,890.63cts. the vendors shall call upon the solicitors to execute the Memorandum of Transfer in respect of the said land in favour of the purchaser.
- (d) Upon registration of the Memorandum of Transfer in respect of the said land in favour of the purchaser and or his

## In the High Court

No.11 Exhibit A to Affidavit of V. Letchumanan affirmed on 4th November 1975

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No.11 Exhibit A to Affidavit of V. Letchumanan affirmed on 4th November 1975 nominee or nominees, the solicitors shall release to the vendors the balance of the purchase price amounting to \$699,890.63cts.

- 4. The possession of the said land shall be given to the purchaser only as on the date of execution of the Memorandum of Transfer.
- 5. The vendors expressly undertake to sign any document or documents that may be asked to be signed by the purchaser and or his nominee or nominees and or his agent in respect of developing the aforesaid land into a housing estate and obtaining access road to the said land.
- of the Purchaser fails to pay the balance of the purchase price at the times stipulated in paragraph 3 herein the vendors shall forfeit the deposit paid this day and whatever payment made thereafter towards the purchase price as liquidated damages and thereupon this Agreement shall be void and of no further effect.
- 7. The vendors shall be liable to pay and settle all the quit rent, rates, assessment and all other outgoings up to the 16th day of June, 1974 and if the same or any part thereof has not been settled by the vendors as at the date of transfer then the purchaser shall be entitled to deduct the same from the said balance of the purchase price at the time of the said transfer.
- 8. All stamp and registration fees on this Agreement and of the transfer to the purchaser and or his nominee or nominees including all legal costs shall be borne by the purchaser.
- 9. The vendors shall be liable to specific performance under this Agreement in the event of their breach or failure to cause the said land being registered in the name of the purchaser or his nominee.
- 10. Time wherever mentioned shall be the essence of this contract.
- 11. All notices required to be served hereunder

by one party to the other shall be served personally or sent by registered letter post to the respective addresses as shown in this Agreement of the parties hereto or to such other address as either party may from time to time appoint by notice in writing, to the other for the service

of notices hereunder.

This Agreement shall be binding upon the 12. successors in title and assigns of the vendors and the personal representatives successors and assigns of the purchaser.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands on the day and year first above written.

SIGNED BY The Vendors ) 1. (Sgd)Eng Mee Yong in the presence of:-Madam Eng Mee Yong

- 2. (Sgd) Ng Yue Hong Ng Yee Hong @ Ng Yue Hong
- 3. (Sgd) Ng Yee Foo @ Ng Yue Foo
- 4. (Sgd) Woo Yee Ling (Sgd) M.Muthupalaniappan Ng Yee Deng @ Woo Yee Ling

M.MUTHUPALANIAPPAN ADVOCATE & SOLICITOR

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- 5. (Sgd) Ng Yee Chuan Ng Yee Cheen @ Ng Yee Chuan
- 6. (Sgd) Ng Yee Thong

SIGNED BY the Purchaser) in the presence of:-

(Sgd) V.Letchumanan V.Letchumanan s/o Velayutham

(Sgd) M.Muthupalaniappan

M. MUTHUPALANIAPPAN ADVOCATE & SOLICITOR

In the High Court

No.11 Exhibit A to Affidavit of V. Letchumanan affirmed on 4th November 1975

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No.12 Exhibit Bl to Affidavit of V. Letchumanan affirmed on 4th November 1975

#### EXHIBIT MARKED "B1"

CHAN & CHIA
PEGUAMBEIA & PEGUAMCARA
Advocates & Solicitors
TINGKAT SATU, 39 JALAN TUNKU HASSAN,
SEREMBAN

Talipon: 74466 Rumah: 74440

BilSurat Kami: 2/2/695/74

CHAN CHOONG TAK CHIA SIN TET, JOHN

BY HAND

24th June 1974

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Messrs. Muthu & Peri, Advocates & Solicitors, No.46, Jalan Tunku Hassan, Seremban.

Dear Sirs,

re: Agreement dated 16th December 1973 for sale of land held under Grant No. 2457 Lot No.593 Mukim of Ampangan

With reference to the meeting at our office on the afternoon of the 20th June 1974, we regret to 20 inform that your client's request that he be given an extension of three (3) months to pay up the balance of the purchase price amounting to \$699,890.63c has been turned down by our clients.

We are, therefore, to confirm that pursuant to Clause 6 of the aforesaid Agreement our clients have exercised their right to forfeit the sum of \$77,765.62c paid under the Agreement.

We are further instructed to request you to forward the title deed to us as Solicitors for our clients as soon as possible.

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Yours faithfully, (Sgd) Chan & Chia

c.c.
Madam Ng Mee Yong and 5 others,
No.8, River Road,
Seremban.

This is the exhibit marked 'B' and referred to in the Affidavit of Letchumanan s/o Velayutham affirmed on 4th November 1975

No.13

EXHIBIT MARKED "C1" REFERRED TO THE AFFIDAVIT OF V.LETCHUMANAN AFFIRMED ON 4.11.75

National Land Code Form 28A (Section 390)

In the High Court

No.13 Exhibiť "Cl" to Affidavit of V. Letchumanan affirmed on 4th November 1975

# APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE RIGHT-OF-WAY

To the Collector, District of Seremban.

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We, NG YEE HONG @ NG YUE HONG, NG YEE FOO @ NG YUE FOO and NG YEE DENG @ WOO YEE LING all c/o Messrs. Muthu & Peri, No.46 Jalan Tunku Hassan, Seremban, co-owners of the land described in the schedule below;

Hereby apply for the creation of a private right-of-way from the land to the nearest public terminal as per attached plan.

Dated this 7th day of January, 1974

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) 1. (Sgd)
 Ng Yee Hong @ Ng Yue Hong
) 2. (Sgd)
 Ng Yee Foo @ Ng Yue Foo
) 3. (Sgd)
 Ng Yee Deng @ Woo Yee Ling Signature of Applicants

## SCHEDULE

Mukim : Ampangan

Lot No: 593

Description and No. of Title: Grant No.2457

Area: 44a. lr. 30p. Nature of land: Privately

owned

In the High Court

No.14 Exhibit "Dl" No.14

EXHIBIT MARKED "D1" REFERRED TO THE AFFIDAVIT OF V.
LETCHUMANAN AFFIRMED ON
4.11.75

14th October, 1974 N/L (2) 696/74 MP/S/M 25/73

Messrs. Chan & Chia, Advocates & Solicitors, 87 Birch Road, SEREMBAN

Without Prejudice

Sirs,

Re: Agreement dated 28th June 1974 entered into between Madam Eng Mee Yong and five others of the one part and V. Letchumanan s/o Velayutham of the other part - Grant No.2457 Lot No.593 in the Mukim of Ampangan

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With reference to the telephone conversation that your Mr. John Chia had with our Mr. Muthu on 12.10.1974, we are enclosing herewith Grant No.2457 Lot No.593 in the Mukim of Ampangan strictly without prejudice to the right of our client to buy the above.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully, Sd: Nahappan, Muthu & Peri.

Encl. MP/tch.

#### No.15

#### GROUNDS OF JUDGMENT OF THE HIGH COURT

In the High Court

No.15 Grounds of Judgment dated 5th February 1976

IN THE HIGH COURT IN MALAYA AT SEREMBAN

## ORIGINATING MOTION NO. 73 OF 1975

In the matter of Section 327(1) of the National Land Code 1965

#### AND

In the matter of the land held under Grant No. 2457 Lot 593, Mukim of Ampangan, District of Seremban

#### AND

In the matter of a Caveat Presentation No. 59/74 Vol. 38, Folio 66

#### BETWEEN

1. Eng Mee Yong (f)
2. Ng Yee Hong @ Ng Yue Hong
3. Ng Yee Foo @ Ng Yue Foo
4. Ng Yee Deng @ Woo Yee Ling
5. Ng Yee Cheen @ Ng Yue Chuan
6. Ng Yee Thong

#### AND

V. Letchumanan s/o Velayutham

Respondent

#### GROUNDS OF JUDGMENT

This was an application for an order that a private caveat entered by the respondent against land belonging to the applicants under Grant No. 2457 Lot 593 in the Mukim of Ampangan be forthwith removed on the ground that the respondent had no interest in the land after he had failed to complete the purchase of the said land under an agreement for sale dated 28th June 1974. The applicants also claimed damages for loss suffered by them as a result of the wrongful lodgment of the caveat and the failure on the part of the respondent to withdraw it after 28th September 1974 which was the date for the

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# In the High Court

No.15 Grounds of Judgment dated 5th February 1976 completion of the sale of the land.

The application was by originating motion supported by a joint affidavit of the applicants dated 7th August. 1975. In their affidavit the applicants stated that they were co-owners of the land and they had entered into a written agreement with the respondent on 28th June 1974 whereby the respondent was to purchase the land at the price of \$827,656.25. Time was stated to be the essence of the contract and the 10 agreement provided that the purchase should be completed on or before 28th September 1974. The respondent however failed to complete the purchase of the land by that date in accordance with the written agreement whereupon the applicants forfeited the sum of \$97,765.62 which was paid by the respondent as a deposit and in part payment of the purchase price. applicants also forfeited a further sum of \$30,000 which was paid by the respondent to the 20 applicants towards the purchase price pursuant to a clause in the agreement. On 9th November 1974 the applicants were served with a notice by the Registrar of Titles under section 324(3) of the National Land Code stating that a private caveat expressed to bind their land had been entered on the application of the respondent. On 6th January 1975 the applicants applied to the Registrar for the removal of the caveat under section 326(1) of the Code but the Registrar's 30 notice of intended removal of the caveat could not be served upon the respondent as the respondent had moved to another place. The notice could not also be served by registered post and the envelope containing the was returned undelivered to the Registrar by the Postal Department with the remark that it was unclaimed. Hence the present application by the applicants for the removal of the caveat under section 327(1) of the National Land Code. In their joint 40 affidavit the applicants referred to a letter dated 25th October 1974 addressed to the applicants. previous solicitors by the then solicitors of the respondent wherein it was stated inter alia that the applicants and the respondent had orally agreed to an extension of two months beyond 28th September 1974 for the completion of the purchase of the land and that the respondent would complete the purchase on or before the agreed extended date of 28th November 1974. The applicants in 50 their affidavit denied that they had ever agreed to

the extension of two months beyond 28th September 1974 for the completion of the purchase or to any extension at all. In any event they said that the respondent made no attempt to complete the purchase at any time.

In the High Court
No.15
Grounds of Judgment dated 5th February 1976

When the notice of motion came up for hearing before me I noticed that it was not served upon the respondent but was made ex I did not think it proper in the circumstances of this case to make any order on the application in the absence of the respondent and I directed that the notice of motion be served upon him which was eventually done by way of substituted service. respondent then filed a lengthy affidavit in reply but not everything that was stated therein was relevant or worthy of consideration. In his affidavit the respondent stated that the agreement for sale dated 28th June 1974 was not the final or the first written agreement concerning the land and he referred to an earlier agreement dated 16th December 1973 a copy of which was exhibited in the affidavit. The respondent stated that this earlier agreement was not specifically cancelled or withdrawn by any subsequent agreement in writing and further that the second agreement dated 28th June 1974 did not contain all the agreed terms because some of the terms were made orally which included the term that time should not be the essence of the contract. He further stated that the applicants had agreed to grant an extension of time for a period of two months from 28th September 1974 and he said that the agreement of 28th June 1974 had not been expressly terminated. He stated further that the applicants were not entitled to forfeit the two sums of \$97,765.62 and \$30,000. He had enhanced the value of the land by building an access road with the knowledge and consent of the applicants and they were therefore estopped from denying his interest in the said land. He said he was obliged to lodge the caveat as the applicants were about to disregard the actual terms of the agreement and forfeit to their own use the sums of money paid by him notwithstanding the fact that the building of the approach road on the land was

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# In the High Court

No.15 Grounds of Judgment dated 5th February 1976 still in progress. The respondent stated further on 10th October 1975 he lodged a second caveat against the same land setting out his grounds more fully for claiming an interest in the land. He also caused a writ to be issued against the applicants for an order that they do complete the sale of the land and for a declaration that they were not entitled to forfeit the sum of \$127,765.62.

After giving due consideration to the 10 application, the affidavits and the submissions advanced on behalf of the parties I came to the conclusion that the respondent had no caveatable interest in the land concerned within the meaning of Section 323 (1) of the National Land Code. The parties had entered into a written agreement on 28th June 1974 wherein time was made the essence of the contract and acting pursuant to the provisions in the agreement the applicants were well within their rights when they forfeited 20 the deposit of \$97,765.62 and the further sum of \$30,000 upon the failure of the respondent to complete the purchase of the land on or before 28th September 1974. The respondent stated in his affidavit that the first agreement dated 16th December 1973 was not specifically cancelled or withdrawn by any subsequent agreement in writing. This statement was patently false because in one of the recitals in the second agreement of 28th June 1974 it was specifically stated that the vendors 30 and the purchaser had mutually agreed to determine the former agreement of 16th December 1973. respondent also said in his affidavit that there was an oral term agreed to by the parties that time should not be the essence of the contract and that the time for the completion of the purchase be extended by two months. Here too there was no merit in the respondent's allegations. vendors and the purchaser signed the agreement of 28th June 1974 in the presence of solicitors and 40 the agreement itself appeared to have been drawn by a firm of solicitors. It was a well prepared document and it stated in no uncertain terms that time should be the essence of contract. respondent's attempt to introduce extrinsic parol evidence to vary the terms of the written agreement of 28th June 1974 was obviously meant to embarrass the applicants and to cause delay in the proceed-Moreover this evidence was inadmissible ings. under sections 91 and 92 of the Evidence Act 1950 50 for apart from the bare allegations of the respondent

no other evidence in support was adduced so as to bring the matter under any of the provisos to section 92 of the Evidence Act. On the other hand I accepted the statement of the applicants in their joint affidavit that they had not agreed to any extension of time for the completion of the purchase of the land and that the respondent had made no attempt whatsoever to complete the purchase at any time. In the event I held that the applicants were entitled to an order in terms of the first prayer in the originating motion and I ordered that the caveat entered by the respondent be removed. The applicants had also claimed damages for loss suffered by them as a result of the wrongful lodgment of the caveat. This claim however was not pursued by the applicants and no evidence was adduced on their behalf to establish the extent of any danage or loss suffered by With regard to the second caveat entered against the same land by the respondent on 10th October 1975 Mr. Ramachandran for the respondent gave an undertaking after briefly consulting his client in court that in the event that no appeal against my decision ordering the removal of the caveat was filed within ten days of my order the respondent would withdraw the second caveat.

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In the High Court No.15 Grounds of Judgment dated 5th February 1976

Costs of the proceedings were ordered to be paid by the respondent to the applicants.

Dated this 5th day of February, 1976.

Sd. Ajaib Singh
(AJAIB SINGH)
JUDGE
HIGH COURT, MALAYA
SEREMBAN

Ng Seng Kick, Esq. for Applicants Solicitors: Chooi & Company, Kuala Lumpur

N.Ramachandran, Esq. for Respondent Solicitors: N.Ramachandran & Co., Seremban

In the High Court

No.16 Order of High Court dated 10th November 1975

No.16

ORDER OF HIGH COURT dated 10th November 1975

IN THE HIGH COURT IN MALAYA AT SEREMBAN

## ORIGINATING MOTION NO.83 OF 1975

In the matter of Section 327(1) of the National Land Code, 1965

#### And

In the matter of the Land held under Grant 2457 Lot 593, Mukim of Ampangan, District of Seremban

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#### And

In the matter of a Caveat Presentation No.59/74 Vol.38, Folio 66

#### Between

- Eng Mee Yong (f)
- Ng Yee Hong @ Ng Yue Hong Ng Yee Foo @ Ng Yue Foo
- Ng Yee Deng @ Woo Yee Ling
- Ng Yee Cheen @ Ng Yue Chuan

Applicants

Ng Yee Thong

#### And

V. Letchumanan s/o Velayutham

Respondent

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE AJAIB SINGH, HIGH COURT SEREWBAN

IN OPEN COURT THIS 10TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 1975

#### ORDER

UPON HEARING Mr. Ng Seng Kiok of Counsel for the applicants abovenamed and Mr. N.Ramachandran 30 of Counsel for the Respondent abovenamed AND UPON READING the Ex-Parte Originating Motion dated the 26th day of August, 1975 and the joint Affidavit of Eng Mee Yong and 5 others affirmed on the 7th day of August, 1975 and the Affidavit of

V. Letchumanan s/o Velayutham affirmed on the 4th day of November, 1975 all filed herein IT IS ORDERED that only the Caveat presented by the Respondent abovenamed against the land held under Grant No. 2457 for Lot 593 in the Mukim of Ampangan, District of Seremban and registered as Private Caveat Presentation No. 59/74 Volume 38, Folio 66 be and is hereby removed pursuant to Section 327(1) of the National Land Code, 1965 and that the costs of this application be paid by the Respondent to the Applicants to be taxed AND IT IS ALSO ORDERED that the Caveat Presented by the Respondent subsequent to Caveat presentation No.59/74, Volume 38, Folio 66 be removed unless the Respondent files a Notice of Appeal against this Order within 10 days of date hereof.

In the High Court

No.16 Order of High Court dated 10th November 1975

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Given under my hand and the Seal of the Court this 10th day of November, 1975.

Sd: Augustine Paul
Senior Assistant Registrar,
High Court,
Seremban.

Certified True Copy.

Sd: Augustine Paul Senior Assistant Registrar, High Court, Seremban.

In the No.17 Federal Court MEMORANDUM OF APPEAL No.17 Memorandum of Appeal IN THE FEDERAL COURT IN MALAYA dated 18th March 1976 (Appellate Jurisdiction) CIVIL APPEAL NO.158 of 1975 BETWEEN V. Letchumanan s/o Velayutham Appellant ANDEng Mee Yong (f)
Ng Yee Hong @ Ng Yue Hong 1. 10 Ng Yee Foo @ Ng Yue Foo 3• Ng Yee Deng @ Woo Yee Ling Ng Yee Cheen @ Ng Yue Chuan Ng Yee Thong Respondents (In the matter of Originating Motion No.73 of 1975 in the High Court of Malaya at Seremban Between Eng Mee Yong (f)
Ng Yee Hong @ Ng Yue Hong
Ng Yee Foo @ Ng Yue Foo 2. 3. 20 Ng Yee Deng @ Woo Yee Ling Ng Yee Cheen @ Ng Yue Chuan Ng Yee Thong Applicants And V. Letchumanan s/o Velayutham Respondent) MEMORANDUM OF APPEAL V. Letchumanan s/o Velayutham the Appellant

V. Letchumanan s/o Velayutham the Appellant abovenamed appeals to the Federal Court against the whole of the decision of the Honourable Mr. Justice Ajaib Singh given at Seremban on the 10th day of November, 1975 on the following grounds:-

1. The learned Judge erred in law in holding that the Appellant had no caveatable interest in the land

in question.

While the learned Judge was right in holding that the agreement was terminated and right in holding that oral statements were not admissible to vary the agreement he nevertheless should have considered the position in the light of the benefit that had accrued to the respondents by virtue of the fact that the Appellant has expended money in improving the land.

In the Federal Court

No.17 Memorandum of Appeal dated 18th March 1976

- The learned Judge should have held that the moneys so expended were recoverable thereby entitling the Appellant to a caveatable interest.
- Furthermore the learned Judge should 4. have held that the Respondents were not entitled to forfeit the whole of the sum of \$127,765.62 paid up to date by the Appellant but only an amount equal to the initial deposit as the forfeiture of the whole of the various sums paid tantamounts to a penalty.
- As such the Appellant had a further caveatable interest in the said land.

Dated the 18th day of March, 1976

(Sgd)

Solicitors for the Appellant

To:

- The Chief Registrar, l. Federal Court, Kuala Lumpur.
- 2. The Senior Assistant Registrar, High Court, Seremban.

And to the abovenamed Respondents and/or their Solicitors, Messrs. Chooi & Co., Advocates & Solicitors, Ming Building. Penthouse, Jalan Bukit Nanas, Kuala Lumpur.

The address for service of the Appellant is 40 c/o Messrs. N.Ramachandran & Co., Advocates & Solicitors, Yusof Building, Seremban.

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In the No.18 Federal Court NOTES AND DECISIONS RECORDED Notes of BY S.S.GILL Ag. Lord President Gill Ag.L.P. dated 7th IN THE FEDERAL COURT OF MALAYA HOLDEN AT September KUALA LUMPUR (APPELLATE JURISDICTION) 1976 FEDERAL COURT CIVIL APPEAL NO.158 of 1975 BETWEEN V.Letchumanan s/o Velayutham Appellant AND Eng Mee Yong (f) 10 Ng Yee Hong @ Ng Yue Hong Ng Yee Foo @ Ng Yue Foo Ng Yee Deng @ Woo Yee Ling Ng Yee Cheen @ Ng Yue Chuan Ng Yee Thong Respondents (In the matter of Originating Motion No.73 of 1975 in the High Court of Malaya at Seremban Between Eng Mee Yong (f) Ng Yee Hong @ Ng Yue Hong 20 2. Ng Yee Foo @ Ng Yue Foo Ng Yee Deng @ Woo Yee Ling Ng Yee Cheen @ Ng Yue Chuan Ng Yee Thong Applicants And V. Letchumanan s/o Velayutham Respondent) Coram: S.S.Gill, Ag.Lord President H.S.Ong, Federal Judge Raja Azlan Shah, Federal Judge. 30 Kuala Lumpur, 7th September 1976 Encik N. Ramachendran for Appellant Encik Wong Soon Foh for Respondent.

## Ramachendran

This is an appeal from the decision of Ajaib J.

whereby it was held that the appellant has no caveatable interest. There is a motion for extension of time to file record of appeal to which there is no objection from the other side (Encik Wong Soon Foh confirms) Extension of time granted.

In the Federal Court

No.18
Notes of
Gill Ag. L.P.
dated 7th
September 1976

## Ramachendran (continuing)

I say that there is a caveatable interest even though the vendors purported to forfeit the deposit to put an end to the contract and notwithstanding that time was of the essence of the contract. I refer to my grounds of appeal.

### Wong:

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The appellant has no caveatable interest, because the agreement was lawfully terminated. In this connection I would refer to the second ground of appeal of the appellant. (Encik Ramachandran interposes to say that he relies only on ground 1 and abandons the other grounds).

We hold that the appellant does have a caveatable interest and that in the circumstances the order for removal of the caveat should not have been made. We allow the appeal, setting aside the order of the Court below that the caveat be removed. Respondents to pay the costs of the appeal and the costs in the Court below. Deposit to be refunded to the appellant.

Sd. S.S.Gill

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Secretary to Chief Justice High Court Malaya 22/9/76

In the Federal Court

No.19 Judgment dated 21st September 1976

#### No.19

JUDGMENT OF THE FEDERAL COURT BY S.S.GILL, Ag. LORD PRESIDENT

IN THE FEDERAL COURT OF MALAYSIA HOLDEN AT KUALA LUMPUR (APPELLATE JURISDICTION)

## FEDERAL COURT CIVIL APPEAL NO.158 OF 1975

#### BETWEEN

V. Letchumanan s/o Velayutham

Appellant

#### AND

- l.
- Eng Mee Yong (f)
  Ng Yee Hong @ Ng Yue Hong
- 3• Ng Yee Foo @ Ng Yue Foo
- Ng Yee Deng @ Woo Yee Ling 4.
- Ng Yee Cheen @ Ng Yue Chuan Ng Yee Thong

Respondents

(In the matter of Originating Motion No.73 of 1975 in the High Court of Malaya at Seremban

#### Between

- Eng Mee Yong (f) 1.
- Ng Yee Hong @ Ng Yue Hong 2.
- Ng Yee Foo @ Ng Yue Foo 3.
- Ng Yee Deng @ Woo Yee Ling
- Ng Yee Cheen @ Ng Yue Chuan
- Ng Yee Thong

Applicants

#### And

V.Letchumanan s/o Velayutham

Respondent)

Coram: S.S. Gill, Ag. Lord President

H.S.Ong, Federal Judge

Raja Azlan Shah, Federal Judge.

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#### JUDGMENT OF THE COURT

This was an appeal from the judgment of Ajaib Singh J. granting an order, on the application by way of originating notion of the respondents to this appeal, for the removal of the caveat entered by the appellant against their

land held under Grant No.2457 for Lot 593 in the Mukim of Ampangan in the District of Seremban. The caveat was lodged on the basis that by an agreement in writing dated 28th June 1974 the respondents had agreed to sell the said land to the appellant.

The appellant paid a sum of \$97,765.62 by way of deposit and in part payment of the purchase price on signing the agreement. He was to pay a further sum of \$30,000/- on or before 29th July 1974 and to complete the purchase by paying the balance of the purchase price amounting to \$699,890.63 on or before 28th September 1974. Time was stated in the agreement to be of the essence of the contract.

The appellant paid the sum of \$30,000/as agreed but he failed to pay the balance of
the purchase price on or before the due date,
whereupon the respondents purported to forfeit
the total sum paid by the appellant as
liquidated damages for breach of contract as
provided in clause 5 of the agreement and
notified the appellant accordingly by their
solicitors' letter of 30th September 1974.

In their affidavit in support of the motion for the removal of the caveat, the respondents stated, inter alia, that they had never agreed to any extension of time beyond the date stipulated for the completion of the purchase. In opposing the application, the appellant filed a lengthy affidavit in which he stated that there was an earlier agreement of sale in relation to the same land which had not been specifically cancelled or withdrawn by the agreement of 28th June 1974, that this latter agreement did not contain all the terms as agreed orally including the term that time shall not be of the essence of the contract, that the respondents had agreed to an extension of time for a period of two months from 28th September 1974, and that he had enhanced the value of the land by building an access road with the knowledge and consent of the respondents so that they were estopped from denying his interest in the land.

After giving due consideration to the affidavits and the submissions made on behalf of the parties the learned Judge came to the

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conclusion that the appellant had no caveatable interest in the said land within the meaning of section 323(1) of the National Land Code. He accordingly made the order appealed from. In reaching that conclusion the learned Judge made certain findings of fact on the affidavits before him, namely, that by their second agreement of 28th June 1974 the parties had mutually agreed to terminate the earlier agreement of 16th December 1973 and that the respondents had not agreed to any extension of time for the completion of the purchase and the appellant had made no attempt whatsoever to complete the purchase at any time.

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It would seem clear from the learned Judge's grounds of judgment that he made the order for the removal of the caveat because he took the view that the appellant ceased to have any caveatable interest in the land after the respondents had repudiated the contract on the ground that the appellant had failed to complete the purchase on or before the agreed date. With respect to the learned Judge, repudiation by one party to the agreement cannot preclude the other party from suing on the contract.

As has been stated again and again, the whole system of caveat is founded on the principle that they exist for the protection of alleged as well as proved interests. In the recent case of Registrar of Titles, Johore vs. Temenggong Securities Ltd. & Anor., Lord Diplock in delivering the judgment of the Privy Council (yet unreported) stated that -

"The purpose of a private caveat is to preserve the status quo pending the taking of timeous steps by the applicant to enforce his claim to an interest in the land by proceedings in the courts."

Thus, the lodging of a caveat is really in the nature of the initiation of litigation. It need hardly be said that the rights of the parties under a contract can only be determined in a proper action and not merely on affidavits. In other words, whether or not there has been a breach of contract on the part of any of the parties is a question which can only be decided in a proper action.

The only ground in support of the appeal before us was that the appellant had a caveatable interest in the land even though the respondents had purported to forfeit the deposit to put an end to the contract and notwithstanding that time was of the essence of the contract. The argument which was put forward on behalf of the respondents was that the appellant had no caveatable interest because the agreement had been lawfully terminated. In our judgment, whether or not the agreement has been lawfully terminated can only be decided in the action which the appellant, we were given to understand, had in fact brought in relation to the agreement of sale.

In the Federal Court

No.19 Judgment dated 21st September 1976

For the reasons which we have stated we allowed the appeal and set aside the order of the learned Judge that the caveat be removed.

S. GILL AG. LORD PRESIDENT

Kuala Lumpur, 21st September, 1976.

Encik N. Ramachandran for Appellant Solicitors: Messrs. N.Ramachandran & Co.

Encik Wong Soon Foh for Respondents Solicitors: Messrs. Chooi & Co.

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Secretary to Chief Justice High Court, Malaya. 22/9/76

In the No.20 Federal Court ORDER OF THE FEDERAL COURT No.20 dated 7th September 1976 Order dated 7th September IN THE FEDERAL COURT IN MALAYSIA HOLDEN AT 1976 KUALA LUMPUR (APPELLATE JURISDICTION) FEDERAL COURT CIVIL APPEAL NO.158 OF 1975 BETWEEN V. Letchumanan s/o Velayutham Appellant AND Eng Mee Yong (f)
Ng Yee Hong @ Ng Yue Hong 1. 10 2. Ng Yee Foo @ Ng Yue Foo 3. Ng Yee Deng @ Woo Yee Ling Ng Yee Cheen @ Ng Yue Chuan Ng Yee Thong Respondents (In the matter Originating Motion No.73 of 1975 in the High Court in Malaya at Seremban Between Eng Mee Yong (f)
Ng Yee Hong @ Ng Yue Hong
Ng Yee Foo @ Ng Yue Foo
Ng Yee Deng @ Woo Yee Ling 20 2. 3• 4. Ng Yee Cheen @ Ng Yue Chuan Ng Yee Thong Applicants And V. Letchumanan s/o Velayutham Respondent) GILL, AG. LORD PRESIDENT, FEDERAL COURT CORAM: MALAYSIA. ONG HOCK SIM, JUDGE, FEDERAL COURT, 30 MALAYSIA

IN OPEN COURT
THIS 7TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1976

RAJA AZLAN SHAH, JUDGE, FEDERAL COURT,

MALAYSIA

## ORDER

THIS APPEAL coming on for hearing this day in the presence of Encik N. Ramachandran of Counsel for the Appellant and Encik Wong Soon Foh of Counsel for the Respondents AND UPON READING the Record of Appeal herein AND UPON HEARING the submissions of Counsel as aforesaid IT IS ORDERED that this Appeal be and is hereby allowed:

In the Federal Court

No.20 Order dated 7th September 1976

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AND IT IS ORDERED that the Judgment of the Honourable Mr. Justice Ajaib Singh in Seremban High Court Originating Motion No.73 of 1975 given on the 10th day of November, 1975 be and is hereby set aside:

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the caveat presented by the Appellant against the Land held under N.S. Grant for Land No. 2457 for Lot numbered 593 in the Mukim of Ampangan District of Seremban and Registered as Private Caveat Presentation No.59/74 Volume 38, Folios 66 do remain;

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AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Respondents do pay the Appellant the costs of this Appeal and the costs in the Court below as taxed by the proper officer of the Court

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AND IT IS LASTLY ORDERED that the sum of \$500.00 (Ringgit Five Hundred only) deposited in Court by the Appellant as security for costs of this Appeal be refunded to the Appellant

GIVEN under my hand and Seal of the Court this 7th day of September, 1976.

(Sgd)

CHIEF REGISTRAR FEDERAL COURT KUALA LUMPUR

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This Order is taken out by Messrs. N. Ramachandran & Co., Solicitors for the Appellant whose address for service is at Yusof Building, Seremban.

In the No.21 Federal Court ORDER GRANTING CONDITIONAL No.21 LEAVE TO APPEAL TO H.M. THE Order YANG DIPERTUAN AGONG Granting Conditional leave to IN THE FEDERAL COURT OF MALAYSIA HOLDEN AT Appeal to KUALA LUMPUR H.M. The Yang (APPELLATE JURISDICTION) di-Pertuan Agong dated FEDERAL COURT CIVIL APPEAL NO:158 OF 1975 15th November 1976 BETWEEN V. Letchumanan s/o Velayutham Appellant 10 AND l. Eng Mee Yong (f) Ng Yee Hong @ Ng Yue Hong Ng Yee Foo @ Ng Yue Foo 2. Ng Yee Deng @ Woo Yee Ling Ng Yee Cheen @ Ng Yue Chuan 5• Ng Yee Thong Respondents And (In the matter of Originating Motion No.73 of 1975 in the High Court of 20 Malaya at Seremban Between Eng Mee Yong (f) Ng Yee Hong @ Ng Yue Hong 2. 3. Ng Yee Foo @ Ng Yue Foo Ng Yee Deng @ Woo Yee Ling Ng Yee Cheen @ Ng Yue Chuan Ng Yee Thong Applicants And V. Letchumanan s/o Velayutham Respondent) 30 ALI, ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE, HIGH COURT, MALAYA CORAM: RAJA AZLAN SHAH, JUDGE, FEDERAL COURT, WAN SULEIMAN, JUDGE, FEDERAL COURT, MALAYSIA IN OPEN COURT

THIS 15TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 1976

## ORDER

UPON MOTION preferred unto Court this day by Encik Wong Soon Foh of Counsel for the Respondents in the presence of Encik N. Ramachandran of Counsel for the Appellant AND UPON READING the Notice of Motion dated the 26th day of October, 1976 and the Affidavit of Ng Yee Deng @ Woo Yee Ling affirmed on the 6th day of October, 1976 and filed in support of the said Motion AND UPON HEARING Counsel as aforesaid:

IT IS ORDERED that leave be and is hereby granted to the Respondents to appeal to His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong against the decision given by this Court on the 7th day of September, 1976 upon the following conditions:-

- (a) that the Respondents do within three (3) months from the date hereof enter into good and sufficient security to the satisfaction of the Chief Registrar, Federal Court, Malaysia, in the sum of \$5,000.00 (Ringgit Five thousand only) for the due prosecution of the Appeal, and the payment of all costs as may become payable to the Appellant in the event of the Respondents not obtaining an Order granting final leave to appeal or if the Appeal being dismissed for non-prosecution. or if His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong ordering the Respondents to pay the Appellant's costs of the Appeal as the case may be; and
- (b) that the Respondents do within the said period of three (3) months from the date hereof take necessary steps for the purpose of procuring the preparation of the record and for the despatch thereof to England.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the costs of and incidental to this application be costs in the Appeal.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Court this 15th day of November, 1976

(Sgd) CHIEF REGISTRAR, FEDERAL COURT, MALAYSIA In the Federal Court

No.21 Order Granting Conditional leave to Appeal to H.M. The Yang di-Pertuan Agong dated 15th November 1976

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In the No. 22 Federal Court ORDER GRANTING LEAVE TO No.22 APPEAL TO H.M. THE YANG Order granting final leave DIPERTUAN AGONG to Appeal to H.M. The IN THE FEDERAL COURT OF MALAYSIA HOLDEN AT Yang Di-Pertuan KUALA LUMPUR Agong dated 23rd May 1977 (APPELLATE JURISDICTION) FEDERAL COURT CIVIL APPEAL NO.158 OF 1975 BETWEEN V. Letchumanan s/o Velayutham Appellant 10 AND Eng Mee Yong (f) Ng Yee Hong @ Ng Yue Hong 2. Ng Yee Foo @ Ng Yue Foo Ng Yee Deng @ Woo Yee Ling Ng Yee Cheen @ Ng Yue Chuan Ng Yee Thong Respondents And (In the matter of Originating Motion No.73 of 1975 in the High Court of 20 Malaya at Seremban Between l. Eng Mee Yong (f) 2. Ng Yee Hong @ Ng Yue Hong Ng Yee Foo @ Ng Yue Foo 3∙ Ng Yee Deng @ Woo Yee Ling 4. Ng Yee Cheen @ Ng Yue Chuan 5• Ng Yee Thong Applicants And V. Letchumanan s/o Velayutham Respondent) 30 CORAM: GILL, CHIEF JUSTICE, HIGH COURT, MALAYA ONG HOCK SIM, JUDGE, FEDERAL COURT, MALAYSIA

MALAYSIA

RAJA AZLAND SHAH, JUDGE, FEDERAL COURT,

IN OPEN COURT
THIS 23RD DAY OF MAY 1977

## ORDER

UPON MOTION made unto Court this day by Mr. Ng Seng Kiok of Counsel for the Respondents abovenamed and Mr. R.R. Chelliah mentioning on behalf of Mr. N Ramachandran of Counsel for the Appellant abovenamed AND UPON READING the Notice of Motion dated the 26th day of April, 1977 and the Affidavit of Ng Yee Deng @ Woo Yee Ling affirmed on the 16th day of March, 1977 and filed in support of the said motion AND UPON HEARING Counsel as aforesaid IT IS ORDERED that the Respondents abovenamed be and is hereby granted final leave to appeal to His Majesty the Yang Dipertuan Agung against the decision of this Honourable Court given on the 7th day of September, 1976 AND IT IS ORDERED that the costs of this application be costs in the cause.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Court this 23rd day of May, 1977.

(Sgd)

CHIEF REGISTRAR, FEDERAL COURT, MALAYSIA In the Federal Court

No.22 Order granting final leave to Appeal to H.M.The Yang Di-Pertuan Agong dated 23rd May 1977

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## No.25 of 1977

## IN THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL

## ON APPEAL

## FROM THE FEDERAL COURT OF MALAYSIA

#### BETWEEN:

- ENG MEE YONG (f)
  NG YEE HONG @ NG YUE HONG 2.
- NG YEE FOO @ NY YUE FOO
- NG YEE DENG @ WOO YEE LING NG YEE CHEEN @ NG YUE CHUAN
- NG YEE THONG

**Appellants** (Applicants)

- and -

V. LETCHUMANAN s/o VELAYUTHAM

Respondent

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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SMILES & CO., 15 Bedford Row, London, WCl

Solicitors for the Appellants Solicitors for the Respondent