



**Singapore Institute of Arbitrators**

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**“ISSUES CONCERNING COSTS IN CONSTRUCTION ARBITRATIONS”**

Date : 28 July 2009 (Tuesday)  
Time : 6.30pm to 8.30pm  
Venue : Marina Mandarin Singapore  
6 Raffles Boulevard  
Marina Square  
Singapore 039594  
Charges : SI Arb, LawSoc and SCL members – S\$100  
Full-time students – S\$80  
Others – S\$120  
Total CPD Points : 2 Points

**Programme:**

6.00pm – 6.30pm Registrations & Refreshments  
6.30pm – 6.45pm Opening Address by Chairperson  
Ms. Audrey Perez, Head of Dept. QSE & Maintenance, M/s Dragages Singapore Pte Ltd  
6.45pm – 8.00pm “Issues Concerning Costs In Construction Arbitrations”  
Mr. Naresh Mahtani, Consultant, M/s ATMD Bird & Bird LLP  
8.00pm – 8.30pm Question & Answer Session

**About the Seminar:**

The seminar will deal with procedures and issues concerning costs in arbitrations under the Arbitration Act and International Arbitration Act; the practices in domestic and international arbitrations; the substantive and procedural laws relating to costs; the various views, policies and practices concerning awards of costs, including legal costs, cost of expert witnesses, arbitrators’ costs; costs of interlocutory proceedings and disbursements; the measure of quantification of costs; review of and recourse against costs awards; as well as related procedural matters relating to costs. The seminar will also deal with methods and measures to reduce costs incurred in construction arbitrations, such as management of expert witnesses’ evidence and documentary evidence; effective use of Scott Schedules; as well as progressive ways of conducting and separating technical and legal issues in arbitration and new experimental alternative dispute resolution techniques.

**About the Speaker:**

Mr. Naresh Mahtani (FSI Arb, FCI Arb), of ATMD Bird & Bird LLP, has been in legal practice for the past 27 years, including advising on construction projects in dispute resolution in Singapore and the region. He has been involved in various arbitrations relating to building, infrastructure, marine and offshore engineering projects, involving complex disputes of fact and law and procedural issues, ranging from projects such as Marina Centre in 1980s to offshore oil and gas projects in the South East Asian region in recent years. Amongst his various professional and civic activities, he was Chairman of the Society for Construction Law (2006 to 2008), Council Member of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (2006 to 2008), former CEO of the Law Society of Singapore (1999 to 2001) and former Council Member of the Law Society of Singapore (1996 to 1998). He is a member of several dispute resolution panels, including the Regional Panel of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC); Disputes & Compensation Resolution Panel of the Singapore Wholesale Electricity Market; Adjudication Panel of the Financial Industry Disputes Resolution Panel; as well as an Accredited Adjudicator at the Singapore Mediation Centre. His current professional passions include “plain language” drafting of contracts, as well as simplifying and improving procedures for expeditious and cost-effective alternative dispute resolution in the construction industry.

**About the Chairperson:**

**Ms. Audrey Perez** is a Civil Professional Engineer graduated from ESTP in Paris. She joined Bouygues, Dragages Singapore's mother company in 1994. She was transferred to Singapore in 1995 where she worked on construction projects, from site engineer to project manager. She covered procurements, designs, tendering, construction and hand-over of milestone projects for Dragages such as the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, The Fullerton Hotel, The Ladyhill-Limited Edition residences and several other projects. In 2003, she was called to join the management team to head two departments, Quality-Safety-Environmental and Completed Projects. Lead auditor for Dragages, she audits as well for Bouygues Construction on overseas projects. It is also within Audrey's scope to take over cases from on-going projects when technical and legal issues are interlinked to prevent disputes development. For the past 6 years she has been working and advising the authorities such as the Ministry of Manpower and the Building Construction Authority on construction projects. She also speaks and writes regularly for the authorities mentioned. Audrey also speaks regularly for the Housing and Development Board, the Productivity and Standards Board as well as the Building Construction Academy. In 2007, she successfully completed the NUS Graduate Certificate in International Arbitration. Audrey is a Fellow and Council Member of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators besides being a Council Member of the Society of Construction Law. She participates actively in various committees and directs a construction course for non-engineers for the Society of Construction Law to help bridging the gap between Construction Law and in-situ construction challenges.

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**REGISTRATION: "ISSUES CONCERNING COSTS IN CONSTRUCTION ARBITRATIONS" ON 28 JULY 2009, 6.30PM**

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