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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BMSMA WELL-SUPPORTED

1 August 2017, Singapore – The majority of respondents to the Building and Construction Authority's (BCA) final public consultation on the Building Maintenance and Strata Management Act (BMSMA) were supportive of the proposed changes to the Act.

2 A total of 33 proposed amendments to the BMSMA were put up for the public consultation which concluded in February 2017. BCA received feedback from more than 250 respondents. Some of the key amendments that will be included in the Bill, are:

- setting a cap on the number of proxies one person can hold in any strata-titled development;
- obtaining consent from nominees before they can be nominated and elected into the council;
- expanding the Commissioner of Buildings' monitoring powers;
- prohibiting any one person from holding more than one office bearer post; and
- allowing the installation of safety equipment to prevent harm and ensure security of the subsidiary proprietors

(Refer to ***Annex A: Summary of Key Feedback and Responses*** for details).

3. The Bill seeks to improve the framework for strata management and maintenance by enhancing the governance of Management Corporations (MCSTs) and providing clarity on the rules. The proposed amendments in the final Bill are the result of several rounds of consultation with stakeholders. Three rounds of public consultations, including a town hall dialogue and focus group panel discussion, were conducted. The Bill, which takes into account the feedback received from these consultations, will be tabled for its First Reading in Parliament on 1 August 2017. BCA would like to thank all respondents for their suggestions.

4. The BMSMA, introduced in 2005, provides a self-regulating framework that has a wide-reaching impact. It sets out the framework to facilitate self-governance by the subsidiary proprietors (SPs). It is therefore important that SPs take an active interest in the decision-making process within their MCST. Currently, there are close to 340,000 strata units and 3,400 MCSTs in Singapore. Stakeholders include SPs, occupiers, council members and managing agents.

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