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**To provide for the creation and disposition of leases of land, for their registration and for matters connected therewith.**

**PART I**

**PRELIMINARY**

**INTERPRETATION**

1. In this Act unless the context otherwise requires –

“Act” means the Land Reform Act, Cap. 123;

“corporation” means any body corporate whether incorporated in Vanuatu or elsewhere;

“the Court” means the Supreme Court;

“dealing” includes disposition and transmission;

“Director” means the Director of the department responsible for land”.

“disposition” means any act inter vivos by a proprietor whereby his rights in or over his registered lease, sublease or mortgage are affected, but does not include an agreement to transfer, sublease or mortgage;

“easement” means a right attached to the land comprised in a registered lease which allows the proprietor thereof to either use the land comprised in another registered lease in a particular manner or to restrict its use to a particular extent, but does not include a profit;

“encumbrance” means a liability to which a registered lease is subject and includes a sublease, mortgage, easement, restrictive agreement and a profit;

“file” means place in the relevant parcel file;



“guardian” means a person who, according to law, is empowered to act on behalf of a person who is incapable, by reason of mental infirmity, of so acting;

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“improvements” includes the reclaiming of land from the sea, clearing levelling or grading of land, drainage or irrigation of land, reclamation of swamps, surveying and making boundaries, erection of fences of any description, landscaping of land, planting of long-lived crops, trees or shrubs, laying-out and cultivation of nurseries, buildings and structures of all descriptions which are in the nature of fixtures, fixed plant and machinery, roads, yards, gates, bridges, culverts, ditches, drains, soakaways, cesspits, septic tanks, water tanks, water, power and other reticulation systems, dips and spray races for livestock;

“instrument” includes any deed, judgment, decree, order or other document requiring or capable of registration under this Act;

“interest” in relation to land includes a lease, sublease, mortgage, easement, restrictive agreement and profit; and "person interested" has a corresponding meaning;

“land” includes land above the mean high water mark, all things growing on land and buildings and other things permanently affixed to land but does not include any minerals (including oils and gases) or any substances in or under land which are of a kind ordinarily worked for removal by underground or surface working;

“Land Leases Register” means the Land Leases Register established under section 4;

“lease” means the grant with or without consideration, by the owner of land of the right to the exclusive possession of his land, and includes the right so granted and the instrument granting it, and also includes a sublease but does not include an agreement for lease;

“lessee” means the proprietor of a lease or his successor in title;

“lessor” means the person who has granted a lease or his successors in title;

“licence” means a permission by the proprietor of a registered lease which allows the licensee to do some act in relation to that lease which would otherwise be a trespass but does not include an easement or a profit;

“mortgage” means an interest in a registered lease given as security for the payment of money or money's worth, and includes a sub-mortgage and the instrument creating a mortgage;

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“parcel” means an area of land separately delineated by a survey plan prepared by or under the direction of the Director of Surveys;

“periodic tenancy” means a tenancy from year to year, half year to half year, quarter to quarter, month to month, week to week or the like;

“personal representative” means the executor of a will or administrator of an estate;

“profit” means the right to go on land comprised in a registered lease held by another and take a particular substance from that land whether it is the soil or products of the soil and includes the taking of wild animals;

“proprietor” means:

- (a) in relation to a registered lease the person named in the register as the proprietor thereof; and
- (b) in relation to a mortgage of a registered lease the person named in the register as the person in whose favour the mortgage is made;

“the register” means the leaf of the Land Leases Register kept in respect of a registered lease;

“to register” means to make an entry in the Land Leases Register under this Act and “registered”, “unregistered” and “registration” shall be construed accordingly;

“registrable”, in relation to an instrument, means required to be registered or capable of registration under this Act;

“Referee” means the Lands Referee appointed under the Lands Referee Act Cap. 148;

“statutory trusts” means the trusts declared by section 91;

“survey plan” means the plan prepared under section 10;

“transfer” means the passing of an interest by act of the parties and not by operation of law and also the instrument by which such passing is effected;

“transmission” means the passing of an interest from one person to another by operation of law on death or insolvency or otherwise howsoever;

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“trust” means any settlement, disposition, act of delivery, declaration, acknowledgement or conduct by which a person (known as trustee) holds or has vested in him property (which is called trust property) for the immediate, prospective, contingent or conditional benefit of a beneficiary or beneficiaries (being a person or persons, whether living or unborn or being a lawful purpose or object) but shall not include a unit trust, or other collective investment scheme;

“valuable consideration” includes marriage, but does not include a nominal consideration;

“will” includes a codicil and any other testamentary instrument.

**PART II**

**LAND RECORD OFFICE AND DIRECTOR'S POWERS**

**LAND RECORDS OFFICE**

2. There shall be maintained in Port Vila a Land Records Office in which shall be kept –
  - (a) a register to be known as the Land Leases Register;
  - (b) parcel files containing the instruments and certified copies of survey plans which support entries in the register;
  - (c) a book to be known as the presentation book, in which there shall be kept a record of all applications numbered consecutively in the order in which they are presented to the Land Records Office;
  - (d) an index, in alphabetical order, of the names of the proprietors of registered leases showing the numbers of the titles in which they are interested; and
  - (e) an index, in alphabetical order, and file of powers of attorney.
  
3. *(Repealed)*

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**THE LAND LEASES REGISTER**

4. (1) The Land Leases Register shall comprise a register maintained in both the English and French languages in respect of each lease required to be registered by this Act.
- (2) Each register shall be divided into three sections as follows -
- (a) the property section, containing a brief description of the lease together with particulars of its appurtenances; and
  - (b) the proprietorship section, containing the name, postal address in Vanuatu of the proprietor and a note of any caution or restriction affecting his right of disposition; and
  - (c) the encumbrances section, containing a note of every encumbrance affecting the lease required by this Act or any other law, to be registered.

**MANNER OF REGISTRATION**

5. Registration shall be effected by an entry in the register in such form as the Director may from time to time direct and by the cancellation of the entry, if any, which it replaces.

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**NEW EDITIONS OF REGISTER**

6. The Director may at any time open a new edition of a register showing only subsisting entries and omitting therefrom all entries which have ceased to have any effect.

### **CANCELLATION OF OBSOLETE ENTRIES**

7. The Director may cancel any entry in the register which he is satisfied has ceased to have any effect.

### **GENERAL POWERS OF DIRECTOR**

8. The Director may exercise the following powers in addition to any other powers conferred on him by this Act -
  - (a) he may require any person to produce any instrument or other document or plan relating to the registered interest and that person shall produce the same;
  - (b) he may summon any person to appear and give any information or explanation respecting a registered interest, and such person shall appear and give such information or explanation;
  - (c) he may refuse to proceed with any registration if any instrument, or other document, or plan, information or explanation required to be produced or given is withheld or any act required to be performed under this Act is not performed;
  - (d) he may administer oaths or take a declaration in lieu thereof, and may require that any proceeding, information or explanation affecting registration shall be verified on oath or by declaration;
  - (e) he may order that the costs, charges and expenses incurred by him or by any person in connection with any investigation or hearing held by him for the purposes of this Act shall be borne and paid by such persons and in such proportions as he may think fit;
  - (f) he may, at his discretion, dispense, with the production of any signature, or the supply of any information or any advertisement or notice required by this Act; and

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- (g) he may state any case or reserve any question for consideration by the Court.

## **INDEMNITY OF OFFICERS**

9. The Director shall not, nor shall any other officer of the Land Records Office, be liable to any action or proceedings for or in respect of any act or matter done or omitted to be done in good faith in the exercise or intended exercise of his powers under this Act or any order made thereunder.

## **PART III**

### **PLANS, COMBINATION AND SUBDIVISION AND PARTY WALLS**

#### **LAND SURVEY PLANS**

10. (1) The Director of Land Surveys upon application, and on payment of the prescribed fee, shall prepare or cause to be prepared in respect of each parcel, the subject of a lease required to be registered a survey plan, the original copy of which shall be retained by him, and certified copies of which signed by the parties to the instruments shall be attached to the original instrument of lease to be presented for registration and to the copies of the instrument to be retained by the lessor and the lessee.
- (2) The plan shall bear a distinguishing number and shall be referenced to the cadastral plan.

#### **CORRECTION OF LAND SURVEY PLANS**

11. If it appears to the Director that there is any error in a survey plan he may, after taking such steps as he thinks fit to bring to the notice of any person shown by the register to be interested his intention so to do and giving every such person an opportunity to be heard, require the Director of Land Surveys to correct the error:

Provided that the Director may without such notice, require the Director of Land Surveys to correct the survey plan whenever such correction does not materially affect the interest of any person.

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#### **COMBINATION AND SUBDIVISION**

12. (1) Where registered leases granted by the same lessor, free from any registered encumbrances other than the agreements and liabilities contained or implied in the lease, of contiguous parcels are held by the same proprietor, upon application by him accompanied by a surrender of the existing leases in the prescribed form and a new lease in the prescribed form the Director shall effect combination by closing the register relating to the surrendered leases and opening a new register in respect of the new lease.
- (2) Subject to section 49(2) upon application by the proprietor of a registered lease for the division of the land comprised in his lease into two or more parcels accompanied by a surrender of the existing lease in the prescribed form and new leases in the prescribed form the Director shall effect the division by closing the register relating to the surrendered lease and opening new registers in respect of the new leases resulting from the division:

Provided that -

- (a) a proprietor of a lease shall not be entitled to subdivide the land comprised in his lease without the written consent of the Director of Land Surveys;
- (b) any person aggrieved by a decision of the Director of Land Surveys refusing consent under paragraph (a) may appeal to the Court which may make such order as it thinks just.

## **PARTY WALLS**

13. (1) Where any wall or structure lies along the boundary of two parcels which are comprised in separate registered leases, that wall or structure shall be deemed to be severed vertically in two and the land comprised in each lease shall include the appropriate vertical part thereof.
- (2) Either of the two proprietors of the leases may apply to the Director for the registration of the wall or structure as a party wall or party structure; and the Director may, after giving notice of the application to the other proprietor and affording him an opportunity to be heard, register it as such.

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- (3) Where a wall or structure is registered as a party wall or party structure, each proprietor shall have such rights to support and use over the part thereof which is not comprised in his parcel as may be requisite.

## **PART IV**

### **EFFECT OF REGISTRATION**

#### **INTEREST CONFERRED BY REGISTRATION**

14. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the registration of a person as the proprietor of a lease shall vest in that person the leasehold interest described in the lease together with all implied and expressed rights belonging thereto and subject to all implied and expressed agreements, liabilities and incidents of the lease.

#### **RIGHTS OF PROPRIETOR**

15. The rights of a proprietor of a registered interest, whether acquired on first registration or subsequently for valuable consideration or by an order of the Court shall be rights not liable to be defeated except as provided in this Act, and shall be held by the proprietor together with all rights, privileges and appurtenances belonging thereto, free from all other interests and claims whatsoever, but subject

- (a) to the encumbrances and to the conditions and restrictions shown in the register;
- (b) unless the contrary is expressed in the register, to such of the liabilities, rights and interests as are declared by this Act not to require registration and are subsisting:

Provided that nothing in this section shall be taken to relieve a proprietor from any duty or obligation to which he is subject as trustee.

#### **VOLUNTARY TRANSFER**

16. Every proprietor who has acquired a registered interest by transfer without valuable consideration, shall hold it subject to any unregistered rights or interests subject to which the transferor held it and subject also to the provisions of any law relating to bankruptcy or the winding up of companies, but save as aforesaid, such transfer shall in all respects have the same effect as a transfer for valuable consideration.

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#### **OVERRIDING INTERESTS**



17. Unless the contrary is expressed in the register, the proprietor of a registered lease shall hold such lease subject to such of the following overriding liabilities, rights and interests as may, for the time being, subsist and affect the same, without their being noted on the register -
- (a) rights of way, rights of water, easements and profits subsisting at the time of first registration of that lease under this Act;
  - (b) natural rights of light, air, water and support;
  - (c) rights to sites of trigonometrical stations and navigational aids conferred by any law;
  - (d) rights of compulsory acquisition, resumption, entry, search and user conferred by any law;
  - (e) the interest of a tenant in possession under a sublease for a term of not more than 3 years or under a periodic tenancy;
  - (f) any charge for unpaid rates or other moneys, which, without the condition of registration under this Act, are expressly declared by any law to give rise to a charge on land;
  - (g) the rights of a person in actual occupation of land save where enquiry is made of such person and the rights are not disclosed; and
  - (h) rights and powers relating to electric supply lines, telegraph and telephone lines or poles, pipelines, aqueducts, canals, weirs, dams, roads and ancillary works conferred by any law:

Provided that the Director may direct registration of any of the liabilities rights and interests herein before defined in such manner as he may think fit.

#### **ENTRIES TO CONSTITUTE ACTUAL NOTICE**

18. Every proprietor acquiring any registered interest shall be deemed to have had notice of every entry in the register relating to the interest and subsisting at the time of acquisition.

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## **SEARCHES AND CERTIFIED COPIES**

### **SEARCHES**

19. Any person upon application in the prescribed form and upon payment of the prescribed fee, may search any register or parcel file or both during the hours of public business.

### **CERTIFIED COPIES OF REGISTERS AND DOCUMENTS**

20. On application in the prescribed form and on payment of the prescribed fee, the Director shall furnish to any person a copy of any register, plan, filed instrument or document certified by the Director to be a true copy.

### **EVIDENCE**

21. (1) Every document purporting to be signed by the Director shall, in all proceedings be presumed to be so signed until the contrary is proved.
- (2) Every copy or extract from a document certified by the Director to be a true copy or extract shall, in all proceedings, be received as prima facie evidence of the contents of the document.
- (3) Every entry or note in or on any register shall, subject to the provisions of sections 99 and 100, be received in all proceedings as conclusive evidence of the matter or transaction which it records.
- (4) No process for compelling the production of the register or of any filed instrument, plan or document shall issue from the Court except with the leave of the Court which leave shall not be granted if a certified copy will suffice and any such process, if issued, shall bear thereupon a statement that it is issued with the leave of the Court.

## **PART VI**

### **DISPOSITIONS-GENERAL**

### **INSTRUMENTS INEFFECTUAL UNTIL REGISTERED**

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22. (1) No registered lease or mortgage shall be capable of being created or disposed of except in accordance with this Act. Every attempt to create or dispose of a registered lease or mortgage or to create, extinguish, transfer, vary or affect, any right or interest in a registered lease or mortgage otherwise than in accordance with this Act shall be ineffectual to create, or dispose of a registered lease or mortgage or to create, extinguish, transfer, vary or affect any right or interest in the lease or mortgage.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of subsection (3) every instrument creating or disposing of a registered lease or mortgage shall be registered.
- (3) It shall not be necessary to register -
- (a) any lease for a period not exceeding 3 years unless it is required to be registered under section 35;
  - (b) any transfer, mortgage, or other instrument disposing of any lease being a lease for a period not exceeding 3 years which is not registered or required to be registered under section 35;
  - (c) any will;
  - (d) any appointment of a personal representative;
  - (e) any appointment of a trustee in bankruptcy or any receiving order in bankruptcy; or
  - (f) any order of a court unless the registration thereof or of the effect thereof is specifically required by this Act.
- (4) If requested so to do, the Director shall register such instrument as is mentioned in subsection (3)(d) or (e) and may register any other instrument mentioned in subsection (3) save a will which shall not be capable of registration.
- (5) Nothing in this section shall be construed so as to prevent any unregistered instrument from operating as a contract.
- (6) The death of any person by or on behalf of whom any instrument of dealing has been executed shall not affect the validity thereof and any such instrument may be presented for registration as if the death had not occurred.

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## **PROTECTION OF PERSONS DEALING IN REGISTERED INTERESTS IN LAND**

23. (1) No person dealing or proposing to deal for valuable consideration with a proprietor of a registered interest shall be required or in any way concerned -
- (a) to inquire or ascertain the circumstances in or the consideration for which such proprietor or any previous proprietor was registered; or
  - (b) to see to the application of any consideration or any part thereof; or
  - (c) to search any register kept under any previous law.
- (2) Where the proprietor of such an interest is a trustee, he shall in dealing therewith, be deemed to be the absolute proprietor thereof and no disposition by such trustee to a bona fide purchaser for valuable consideration shall be defeasible by reason of the fact that such disposition amounted to a breach of trust.

## **EXONERATION OF THE DIRECTOR**

24. Where by this Act any person is exonerated from enquiring as to any matter of fact relating to a registered interest, or to a power of dealing therewith, or is protected from the effect of notice of any such matter or fact, then, in registering any instrument relating to that interest, the Director shall not be concerned to make any enquiry or search in relation to that interest which such person need not have made nor shall the Director be affected by any notice with which such person need not have been affected.

## **ADDITIONAL FEE FOR DELAYED REGISTRATION**

25. Where an instrument is presented for registration more than 3 months after the date of the instrument, then as well as the registration fee an additional fee equal to the registration fee shall be payable.

## **POWER TO COMPEL REGISTRATION**

26. (1) If he is satisfied that any person has failed to register any instrument which is required to be registered under this Act, the Director may by notice in writing order such person to present such instrument for registration and thereupon the registration fee, including any additional fee

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payable under section 25 shall become due and shall be payable whether the instrument is presented for registration or not.

- (2) Any person who without just cause fails to comply with an order of the Director under subsection (1) within 1 month of the service of the notice, shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding VT500,000.

#### **PRIORITY OF REGISTERED INSTRUMENTS**

27. (1) Subject to section 28, interests appearing in the register shall have priority according to the order in which the instruments or applications which led to their registration were presented in registrable form to the Land Records Office, irrespective of the dates of the instruments or applications and notwithstanding that the actual entry in the register may be delayed.
- (2) All instruments or applications sent by post or under cover and received during the hours of business shall be deemed to have been presented simultaneously immediately before the closing of the office on that day.
- (3) Where more than one instrument or application are presented on the same day, or at so short an interval from each other that in the opinion of the Director there is doubt as to their order of priority, the Director may refuse registration until he has heard and determined the rights of the parties interested thereunder.

#### **STAY OF REGISTRATION**

28. (1) Any person proposing to deal for value with the proprietor of a registered interest may, with the consent in writing of such proprietor, and on stating the particulars of the proposed dealing, lodge with the Director an application for a stay of registration in the prescribed form.
- (2) If, as shown by the register, the proprietor is free to deal with his interest the Director shall make an order certifying that the proprietor is so free and staying registration of any instrument affecting the interest for 2 months from the date of the order, and such order shall be registered.
- (3) If, within the said period of 2 months, a properly executed instrument effecting the proposed dealing is lodged for registration such instrument shall have priority over any other instrument lodged for registration after the date of the order and shall be registered notwithstanding any caution lodged with, or any copy of a writ of execution or judgment decree or order of any court served on the Director after the date of the order.

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## **MERGER OF REGISTERED INTERESTS**

29. Where, upon the registration of a dealing, the interests of -
- (a) lessor and lessee; or
  - (b) mortgagor and mortgagee; or
  - (c) the proprietor of a lease which is burdened with an easement, profit or restrictive agreement and the proprietor of a lease which benefits therefrom,

vest in the same proprietor, such interests shall not merge unless a surrender or discharge is registered or there is a declaration of merger which may be contained in the instrument evidencing the dealing.

## **CORPORATIONS**

30. (1) In favour of any person dealing with a registered interest a corporation shall be deemed to have the same powers of acquisition and disposition as a natural person of full age and legal capacity.
- (2) This section shall apply to all corporations, whether sole or aggregate, whether created directly by Act, Order or otherwise, and notwithstanding any stipulation, restriction or qualification imposed in the constitution of the corporation or elsewhere.
- (3) Nothing in this section shall be held to diminish the personal liability of any individual or group of individuals controlling or responsible for the management of a corporation for acting in excess of its corporate powers.
- (4) Where a corporation holds a registered interest in a fiduciary capacity this section shall not be held to extend the powers of the corporation in respect of that interest nor otherwise to affect the liability of the corporation to the beneficiaries for acting in excess of these powers.
- (5) An application for registration of an instrument whereby a corporation acquires a registered interest shall be accompanied by such evidence of incorporation or such other evidence as the Director may require.

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## **PART VII**

### **LEASES**

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31. Subject to the provisions of this Act and of any other law, the owner of land may lease the land or part of it to any person for a definite term.

#### **TERM OF A LEASE**

32. (1) A lease, shall not be granted for a term in excess of 75 years, and if granted for a lesser term with provision for extension shall not be capable of being extended beyond 75 years.
- (2) A lease granted in excess of, or extended beyond, such term, shall be deemed to be for a term of 75 years.

#### **APPLICATION OF SECTIONS 32B AND 32C**

- 32A (1) Sections 32B and 32C apply only to leases of public land.
- (2) In subsection (1), public land means land:
- (a) declared to be public land under the Land Reform Act [CAP 123] or any other Act; or
  - (b) acquired for a public purpose under the Lands Acquisition Act No. 5 of 1992.

#### **EXTENSION OF LEASES**

- 32B (1) Subject to subsection (3), the Minister may extend the term of a lease that is less than 75 years to 75 years.
- (2) An application for an extension is to be made by the lessee in the form approved by the Minister and is to be accompanied by the prescribed fee.
- (3) The term of a lease is not to be extended unless:
- (a) the lessee pays to the Minister a premium which is to be determined by the Principal Valuation Officer within the meaning of the Valuation of Land Act No.22 of 2002; and

- (b) the Minister is satisfied that the lessee has complied with all the conditions of the lease.
- (4) A premium referred to in paragraph (3)(a) must not exceed 10% of the unimproved market value of the land at the date of the application.

#### **RIGHT OF RENEWAL OF A LEASE**

- 32C
- (1) This section applies only to a lease that has a term of 75 years.
  - (2) A lessee of the lease may apply for a renewal of the lease.
  - (3) An application is to be made to the Minister in the form approved by the Minister and is to be accompanied by the prescribed fee. An application is to be made not later than 3 months before the expiry of the lease.
  - (4) The Minister may renew a lease for a term not exceeding 75 years if the Minister is satisfied that the lessee has complied with all the conditions of the lease.
  - (5) To avoid doubt, this section applies despite subsection 32(2) of the Act.

#### **PERIODIC TENANCIES**

- 33.
- (1) Where in any lease the term is not specified and no provision is made for the giving of notice to determine the tenancy, the lease shall be deemed to have created a periodic tenancy.
  - (2) Where the owner of land or proprietor of a lease permits the exclusive occupation of the land or any part thereof by any other person at a rent but without any agreement in writing, that occupation shall be deemed to constitute a periodic tenancy.
  - (3) The period of a periodic tenancy created by this subsection shall be the period by reference to which the rent is payable, and the tenancy may be determined by either party giving to the other notice, the length of which shall be not less than the period of the tenancy and shall expire on one of the days on which rent is payable.
  - (4) No periodic tenancy shall be capable of registration but for the avoidance of doubt a periodic tenancy is hereby declared to be an interest for the purposes of section 93.



**COMMENCEMENT OF LEASES**

34. (1) Where the period of a lease is expressed as commencing on a particular day, that day shall be included in computing that period.
- (2) Where no day of commencement is named, the period shall be deemed to commence on the date of first execution of the lease, and that day shall be included in computing the period.
- (3) Where the period is a year or a number of years, in the absence of an express agreement to the contrary, the lease shall last during the whole anniversary of the day on which such period commences.

**LESSOR'S CONSENT TO DISPOSITION OF LEASED LAND**

35. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary that may be contained in this Act or in any other law, any disposition of any land leased under a registered lease or any disposition of any part of such land or interest comprised therein shall not be registered until the written consent of the leased for such disposition verified in accordance with section 77 has been produced to the Director.

**LESSOR'S CONSENT TO DEALING WITH LEASE**

36. Upon the registration of a lease containing an agreement by the lessee that he will not dispose of the land leased or any part thereof or interest comprised therein without the written consent of the lessor, the agreement shall be noted in the register of the lease, and no dealing with the lease shall be registered until the written consent of the lessor verified in accordance with section 78 has been produced to the Director.

**HOLDING OVER**

37. (1) Where a person, having lawfully entered into occupation of any land as lessee, continues to occupy that land with the consent of the lessor after the determination of the lease, he shall, subject to any written law and in the absence of any evidence to the contrary, be deemed to be a tenant holding the land on a periodic tenancy on the same conditions as those of the lease, so far as those conditions are appropriate to a periodic tenancy.
- (2) For the purposes of this section, the acceptance of rent in respect of any period after the determination of the lease shall, if the former tenant is still in occupation and subject to any agreement to the contrary, be taken as evidence of consent to the continued occupation of the land.

**PURPOSE AND DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONS TO BE SPECIFIED**

38. Every lease shall specify -
- (a) the purpose and use for which the land is leased; and
  - (b) the development conditions, if any.

**RENT REVIEW**

39. (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any lease, the rent reserved under all leases may be reviewed in accordance with the provisions of this section and in the following manner -
- (a) either the lessor or lessee as the case may be, may initiate the review by serving upon the other party a written notice to review;
  - (b) such notice shall specify:
    - (i) the proposed rent (hereinafter referred to as the "new rent"), and
    - (ii) the date from which the new rent is required to be paid, which date shall not be earlier than 5 years from any of the following events –
      - (a) the date of the lease; or
      - (b) the date of the last rent review under this section; or
      - (c) the date from which there took effect a direction from the Referee that the rent should continue unchanged;whichever is the later;
- and shall be served on the other party not less than 3 months before the date from which the new rent is required to be paid;
- (c) The party upon whom the notice to review is served shall within 2 months from receipt of the notice:

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- (i) signify in writing to the other party acceptance of the new rent; or
    - (ii) negotiate with the other party a written agreement for a new rent other than that proposed in the notice to review; or
    - (iii) serve a counter notice on the other party requesting that the Referee reviews the rent;
  - (d) If the party upon whom a notice to review was served fails within the time specified in paragraph (c) to either signify his acceptance of the new rent or negotiate a written agreement for a new rent or serve a counter notice, in accordance with paragraph (c)(i), (ii) or (iii), as the case may be, the party who initiated the review may, within a period of 1 month thereafter, refer the rent to the Referee for review.
- (2) In reviewing the rent, the Referee shall have regard to the fair open market rental value of the land at the relevant review date as if the full term of the lease had yet to run and shall also have regard to all the terms, conditions and agreements of the lease (other than those relating to the rent) on the assumption that the environment of the leased land is in all respects as it is or may reasonably be expected to be as at the date from which the new rent is to become payable, but disregarding -
- (a) any effect on rent of the fact that the lessee or any person claiming through or under him is in occupation of the leased land; and
  - (b) the value of any improvements on or to the leased land made or carried out, or in respect of which valuable consideration was provided, by the lessee or his predecessors in title.
- (3) This section shall not apply to –
- (a) subleases;
  - (b) leases under which the sole consideration therefor is expressed to be a premium payable at the commencement of the lease;
  - (c) leases under which the rent is expressed to be an amount per annum determined by reference to the gross takings of an undertaking on the leased land except that any minimum rent reserved may be reviewed under this section.

**AGREEMENTS IMPLIED IN LEASES ON THE PART OF THE LESSOR**

40. Save as otherwise expressly provided in the lease and subject to any written law there shall be implied in every lease the following agreements by the lessor with the lessee binding the lessor -
- (a) that, so long as the lessee pays the rent and observes and performs the agreements and conditions contained or implied in the lease and on his part to be observed and performed, the lessee shall peaceably and quietly possess and enjoy the leased land during the period of the lease without any interruption from or by the lessor or any person rightfully claiming through him;
  - (b) *(repealed)*
  - (c) where part only of a building is leased, or where a dwelling house is leased furnished, to keep the roof, main walls, main drains, the common passages and common installations in good repair;
  - (d) where any dwelling house, flat or room is leased furnished, that such house, flat or room is fit for habitation at the commencement of the tenancy;
  - (e) that if at any time the leased land or any part thereof is destroyed or damaged by earthquake, hurricane, cyclone, fire, civil commotion or accident not attributable to the negligence of the lessee, his servants or his licensees so as to render the leased land or any part thereof wholly or partially unfit for occupation or use, the rent or a just proportion thereof according to the nature and extent of the damage sustained shall be suspended and cease to be payable until the leased land has again been rendered fit for occupation and use; but that if the leased land has not been so rendered fit for occupation and use within 6 months of its destruction or damage as aforesaid, the lessee may at his option, and on giving 1 month's written notice of his intention so to do, determine the lease; and
  - (f) such other agreements as the Minister may have prescribed by Order prior to the execution of the lease.

**IMPLIED AGREEMENT RELATING TO DISPOSITION OF LEASED LAND**

- 40A (1) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary that may be contained in this Act or in any other law, there shall be implied –

(a) in every lease created prior to the relevant date and which is valid on that date; and

(b) in every registered lease created on or after the relevant date,

the following agreement between the lessee and the lessor –

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained in the lease, with effect from the relevant date, not to dispose of the leased land or part thereof or interest comprised therewith by the lessee without the previous written consent of the lessor, and not to withhold such consent by the lessor unreasonably.

(2) For the purposes of this section ‘relevant date’ means the date on which this section comes into force.

#### **AGREEMENTS IMPLIED IN LEASES ON THE PART OF LESSEE**

41. Save as otherwise expressly provided in the lease and subject to any written law, there shall be implied in every lease the following agreements by the lessee with the lessor binding the lessee -

(a) to pay the rent reserved by the lease at the times and in the manner specified therein;

(b) to pay all rates, taxes and other out goings which are at any time payable in respect of the leased land during the continuance of the lease unless the same are payable exclusively by the lessor by virtue of any law;

(c) except where part only of a building is leased, or where a dwelling-house is leased furnished, to keep all buildings comprised in the lease and all boundary marks in good repair;

(d) where part only of a building is leased or where a dwelling-house is leased furnished, to keep the leased land except the roof, main walls, main drains, the common passages and common installations in good repair;

(e) where the lease is of furnished premises, to keep the furniture in as good a condition as it was at the commencement of the period, fair wear and tear only excepted, and to replace such articles as are lost, destroyed or so damaged as to be beyond repair with articles of equal value to those so lost, destroyed or damaged;

- (f) to permit the lessor or his agent with or without workmen or others at all convenient times and after reasonable notice to enter on the leased land and examine its condition;
- (g) to repair or otherwise make good any defect or breach of agreement for which the lessee is responsible and of which notice has been given by the lessor to the lessee, within such reasonable period as may be specified in the notice;
- (h) not to dispose of the leased land or any part thereof or interest comprised therein without the previous written consent of the lessor but such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld;
- (i) not to permit or suffer any part of the leased land to be used for any purpose other than that for which it was leased without the previous consent of the lessor but such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld;
- (j) on determination of the lease peaceably and quietly to deliver up vacant possession of the leased land and all improvements thereon; and
- (k) such other agreements as the Minister may have prescribed by Order prior to the execution of the lease.

#### **MEANING OF "IN GOOD REPAIR"**

42. Where an agreement is contained or implied in any lease to keep a building or a particular part of a building "in good repair", it shall, in the absence of an express provision to the contrary, mean in such a state of repair as that in which a prudent owner might reasonably be expected to keep his property, due allowance being made for the age, character and locality of the building or such part thereof at the commencement of the lease:

Provided that there shall not be read into such an agreement any undertaking to put any building into a better state of repair than that in which it was at the commencement of the lease.

#### **LESSOR'S RIGHT OF FORFEITURE**

43. (1) Subject to the provisions of section 45 and to any provision to the contrary in the lease, the lessor shall have the right to forfeit the lease if the lessee commits any breach of, or omits to perform any agreement or condition on his part expressed or implied in the lease.

- (2) The right of forfeiture may be -
- (a) exercised, where neither the lessee nor any person claiming through or under him is in occupation of the land, by entering upon and remaining in possession of the land; or
  - (b) enforced by a reference to the Referee.
- (3) The right of forfeiture shall be taken to have been waived if -
- (a) the lessor accepts rent which has become due since the breach of the agreement or condition which entitled the lessor to forfeit the lease or has by any other positive act shown an intention to treat the lease as subsisting; and
  - (b) the lessor is, or should by reasonable diligence have become, aware of the commission of the breach:

Provided that the acceptance of rent after the lessor has commenced a reference to the Referee under subsection (2) shall not operate as a waiver.

#### **EFFECT OF FORFEITURE ON SUBLEASES**

44. The forfeiture of a lease determines every sublease and every other registered interest relating to that lease, but -
- (a) where the forfeiture is set aside by the Referee on the grounds that it was procured by the lessor in fraud of the sublessee; or
  - (b) where the Referee grants relief against the forfeiture under section 46;

every such sublease and other interest shall be deemed not to have determined.

#### **NOTICE BEFORE FORFEITURE**

45. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the lease, no lessor shall be entitled to exercise the right of forfeiture for the breach of any agreement or condition in the lease, whether expressed or implied, until the lessor has served on the lessee and every other person shown by the register to have an interest a notice in writing which -

- (a) shall specify the particular breach complained of; and
- (b) if the breach is capable of remedy, shall require the lessee to remedy the breach within such reasonable period as is specified in the notice; and
- (c) in any case other than non-payment of rent may require the lessee to make compensation in money for the breach;

and the lessee has failed to remedy the breach within a reasonable time thereafter, if it is capable of remedy, and to make reasonable compensation in money if so required.

#### **RELIEF AGAINST FORFEITURE**

46. (1) A lessee or other person upon whom a notice has been served under section 45, or against whom the lessor is proceeding, by reference to the Referee or by re-entry, to enforce his right of forfeiture, may apply to the Referee for relief; and the Referee may grant or refuse relief, as the Referee having regard to the proceedings and the conduct of the parties and the circumstances of the case, thinks fit, and, if he grants relief, may grant it on such terms as he thinks fit.
- (2) The Referee, on application by any person claiming as sublessee or mortgagee of the land or part of the land comprised in the lease forfeited or sought to be forfeited, may make an order vesting the leased land or such part in such sublessee or mortgagee for the remainder of the term of the lease or any less period, upon such conditions as the Referee in the circumstances thinks fit:
- Provided that nothing in this subsection shall apply in the case of a forfeiture arising from a breach to which the sublessee is a party, or from the breach of an express agreement or condition against subleasing, parting with the possession of or disposing of the land leased.
- (3) This section shall have effect notwithstanding any stipulation or agreement to the contrary and whether the lease is registered or not.

#### **VARIATION OF AGREEMENTS AND CONDITIONS OF A LEASE**

47. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act and any other written law, the agreements and conditions contained or implied in any registered lease may be varied, negated or added to, by an instrument in the prescribed form executed by the lessor and lessee for the time being and registered before the expiration of the current term of the lease.



- (2) Any variation of rent under a lease shall be notified to the Director by the lessor. No variation shall have effect unless so notified and registered by the Director in the register.

#### **SUBLEASES**

48. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act and to any provisions in his lease affecting his right to do so, a proprietor of a registered lease may sublease for any period which is less than the remainder of the period of his lease by an instrument in the prescribed form.
- (2) Save as otherwise expressly provided in this Act, the provisions of this Act affecting leases, lessors and lessees, shall apply to subleases, sublessors and sublessees, with such adaptations as are necessary.
- (3) If a lease is determined by operation of law or by surrender under any law relating to bankruptcy or winding up, such determination shall determine the sublease.
- (4) In addition to the agreements specified by this Act to be implied in leases, there shall be implied in every sublease under this Act an agreement by the sublessor that he will, during the continuance of the sublease, pay the rent reserved by the lease under which the sublessor holds, and observe and perform the agreements and conditions thereof.
- (5) Where a sublessee has paid to the sublessor's lessor the rent or any part of the rent payable by the sublessor under the lease under which the sublessor holds, the sublessee shall be entitled to set off any sum so paid against the rent payable by him to the sublessor in respect of the sublease.

#### **SURRENDER OF LEASES**

49. (1) Where the lessor and the lessee agree that the lease shall be surrendered it shall be surrendered in the following manner, that is to say -
- (a) an instrument shall be prepared in the prescribed form;
- (b) the instrument shall then be executed by the lessee and lessor;
- (c) the Director shall then cancel the registration of the lease; and

- (d) the instrument shall then be filed.
- (2) No lease which is subject to a mortgage or sublease shall be surrendered without the consent in writing of the proprietor of the mortgage or sublease and upon registration of the surrender the mortgage or sublease shall cease to have effect.

#### **DETERMINATION OF LEASES**

- 50. (1) Where a registered lease has expired or been determined the lessor may apply in writing to the Director to cancel the registration.
- (2) An application under this section shall be supported by such evidence of the determination as the Director may require and the Director on being satisfied of the matters set forth in the application shall cancel the registration of the lease.

### **PART VIII**

#### **MORTGAGES**

##### **FORM AND EFFECT OF MORTGAGES**

- 51. (1) A proprietor may by an instrument in the prescribed form, mortgage his registered lease to secure the payment of an existing or a future or contingent debt or other money or money's worth.
- (2) The mortgage shall be completed by its registration as an encumbrance and the registration of the person in whose favour it is created as the mortgagee and by filing the instrument.
- (3) A mortgage shall not operate as a transfer but shall have effect as a security only.

##### **SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO MORTGAGES**

- 52. (1) A proprietor of a registered lease may not create any security for the payment of money enforceable against that lease other than a mortgage under and in accordance with this Part.

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- (2) The proprietor of a registered lease may create one or more mortgages in respect of such lease which shall rank according to the order in which they are presented for registration.
- (3) A security for the payment of money, purporting to be enforceable against a registered lease otherwise than by way of a mortgage under the provisions of this Act, or a mortgage which is not registered, may give rise to a personal liability but shall not be enforceable under this Part.

**FURTHER ADVANCES**

- 53. (1) A prior mortgagee shall have a right to make further advances to rank in priority to a subsequent mortgage, if, and only if -
  - (a) an arrangement to that effect has been made with the subsequent mortgagee; or
  - (b) the mortgage imposes an obligation to make such further advances; or
  - (c) the mortgage was made expressly for securing a current account up to a specified limit, in which case the right shall extend only up to such limit.
- (2) Where a mortgage imposes an obligation to make further advances or is made expressly for securing a current account up to a specified limit, the Director shall, when registering it, include in the relevant memorandum the words "subject to further advances" or words to that effect.

**VARIATION OF MORTGAGES**

- 54. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act the terms of a mortgage may be varied by an instrument in the prescribed form made between the parties for the time being to the mortgage but no such variation shall affect the rights of the proprietor of any subsequent mortgage registered before registration of the variation unless he has consented thereto in writing endorsed on the instrument of variation and verified in accordance with section 78.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 27, where more than one mortgage is created in respect of a lease their respective priorities may be varied by a written agreement between the mortgagees. Such agreement shall be filed with the Director and shall be noted in the register relating to the lease.

**DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE**

55. (1) The Director shall, if required by the mortgagee, or on proof of the satisfaction in whole or in part of a mortgage, in either case, in the prescribed form, register the discharge in whole or in part of the mortgage.
- (2) Where a mortgagor is desirous of wholly satisfying a mortgage, and the mortgagee, or if there are two or more mortgagees, any of the mortgagees, is or are dead or cannot be found, the mortgagor may pay the moneys owing into the Court, and upon proof of such payment the Director shall register the discharge of the mortgage, and thereupon the mortgage shall cease to have effect.

**OBLIGATIONS IMPLIED IN MORTGAGES**

56. (1) There shall be implied in every mortgage unless the contrary is expressed therein, on the part of the mortgagor, the following obligations -
- (a) to pay to the mortgagee the principal sum secured, and interest (if any) thereon, at the appointed time and rate;
  - (b) to pay the rent and perform the obligations incident to the lease comprised in the mortgage;
  - (c) not, by any disposition, to subdivide or dispose the leased land or any part thereof or any interest comprised therein without the previous written consent of the mortgagee but such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- (2) A mortgage may provide for the payment of interest at a higher rate than that appointed if the interest at the appointed rate is not paid within a specified period after the same shall have become due; but so that the higher rate shall not exceed the appointed rate by more than 3 per centum per annum.
- (3) A mortgage may provide for the mortgagee to remedy a breach of an agreement by the mortgagor to pay the rent reserved under the lease.

**MORTGAGEE'S CONSENT TO TRANSFER ETC.**

57. Where a mortgage contains an agreement, express or implied, by the mortgagor with the mortgagee that he will not by any disposition subdivide or dispose of the leased land or any part thereof or any interest comprised therein without the written consent of the mortgagee, the agreement shall be noted in the register relating to the lease and no such subdivision, or other disposition, shall be registered until the written consent of the mortgagee verified in accordance with section 78 has been produced to the Director.

**ACTION FOR RECOVERY OF DEBT**

58. Any principal sum or interest due under a mortgage may, subject to the provisions of section 59(4), be recovered by action in any competent court.

**ENFORCEMENT OF MORTGAGES**

59. (1) Except as provided in section 46 a mortgage shall be enforced upon application to the Court and not otherwise.
- (2) Upon any such application, the Court may make an order –
- (a) empowering the mortgagee or any other specified person to sell and transfer the mortgaged lease, and providing for the manner in which the sale is to be effected and the proceeds of the sale applied;
  - (b) empowering the mortgagee or any other specified person to enter on the land and act in all respects in the place and on behalf of the proprietor of the lease for a specified period and providing for the application of any moneys received by him while so acting; or
  - (c) vesting the lease in the mortgagee or any person either absolutely or upon such terms as it thinks fit but such order shall, subject to subsection (5), not take effect until registration thereof.
- (3) The Court shall, in exercising its jurisdiction under this section, take into consideration any action brought under section 58 and the results thereof.

- (4) After the Court has made an order under paragraphs (a) or (c) of subsection (2) or while an order under paragraph (b) of subsection (2) is in force, no action may be commenced or judgment obtained under section 58 in respect of the mortgage except with the leave of the Court and subject to such conditions (if any) as the Court may impose.
- (5) Any order made by the Court under this section shall for the purposes of subsection (4) be effective from the time when it is made.

### **PART IX**

### **TRANSFERS**

#### **TRANSFER**

- 60. (1) A proprietor may, subject to the provisions of this Act, transfer his registered lease or mortgage to any person, with or without consideration, by an instrument in the prescribed form.
- (2) The transfer shall be completed by registration of the transferee as proprietor of the lease or mortgage and by filing the instrument.
- (3) A transfer shall dispose of the registered lease or mortgage transferred for the whole remaining portion (at the time when the disposition purports to take effect) of the period for which the lease or mortgage was registered.

#### **RESTRICTION ON TRANSFER**

- 61. (1) A transfer shall not be expressed to take effect on the happening of any event or on the fulfilment of any condition or at any future time.
- (2) Any condition or limitation purporting to restrain absolutely a transferee or any person claiming under him from disposing of the interest transferred shall be void.
- (3) A proprietor of a registered interest may not dispose of the interest for the whole remaining portion (at the time when the disposition purports to take effect) of the period for which the interest was registered, otherwise than by way of transfer in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

**MATTERS IMPLIED IN TRANSFER**

62. (1) On the transfer of a registered lease there shall be implied –
- (a) except in so far as the transfer may otherwise specify, a warranty, on the part of the transferor, that the rent and obligations incident to the lease have been paid and performed up to the date of transfer;
  - (b) on the part of the transferee, an agreement with the transferor that so long as the lease subsists, the transferee and the persons deriving title under him shall pay the rent and shall perform the obligations incident to the lease and shall keep the transferor indemnified against all consequences and liabilities arising out of the non-payment of the rent or the non-performance of any of the obligations.
- (2) On the transfer of a registered lease subject to a mortgage, there shall be implied -
- (a) except in so far as the transfer may otherwise specify, a warranty, on the part of the transferor, that nothing has been done or omitted up to the date of transfer (including the payment of any moneys payable under the mortgage) which would render the mortgage liable to be enforced; and
  - (b) on the part of the transferee, an undertaking with the transferor that so long as the mortgage subsists the transferee and the persons deriving title under him shall pay all money payable thereunder, shall perform the obligations contained therein, and shall keep the transferor indemnified against all consequences and liabilities of or arising out of the non-payment of the said moneys or the non-performance of any of the said obligations.

**ENTITLEMENT OF A TRANSFEREE OF A MORTGAGE**

63. Upon registration of a transfer of a mortgage, the transferee shall be entitled to all of the rights, powers and remedies of the mortgagee expressed or implied in the mortgage including the right to recover any debt, sum of money or damages thereunder; and all the interest of the transferor in any such debt, sum of money or damages, shall vest in the transferee.

**REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER OF MORTGAGE**

64. A mortgagor shall not be bound to account to any person who has acquired an interest in the mortgage unless the instrument whereby such person became entitled has been registered and the mortgagor has been notified in writing of the registration by such person.

**TRANSFER OF LEASE SUBJECT TO SUBLEASE**

65. A transfer of a lease which is subject to a sublease shall be valid without the sublessee acknowledging the transferee as sublessor, but nothing in this section shall -

- (a) affect the validity of any payment of rent made by the sublessee to the transferor; or
- (b) render the sublessee liable on account of his failure to pay rent to the transferee or any breach of agreement to pay rent;

before notice is given to the sublessee by the transferee, in the case of a registered lease of registration of the transfer and in the case of an unregistered lease, of the transfer.

**TRANSFER OF PART**

66. No part of the land comprised in a registered lease shall be transferred unless the proprietor has first subdivided the land comprised in the lease and new registers have been opened in respect of each subdivision in accordance with section 12(2).

**PART X**

**EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIVE AGREEMENTS, PROFITS AND LICENCES**

**EASEMENTS**

67. (1) The proprietor of a registered lease may, by an instrument in the prescribed form, grant an easement over the land comprised in his lease to the lessee of other land for the benefit of that other land.



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- (2) Any proprietor transferring or subleasing a registered lease may in the transfer or sublease grant an easement for the benefit of the lease transferred or subleased, over land retained by him, or reserve an easement for the benefit of land retained by him.
- (3) The instrument creating the easement shall specify clearly -
- (a) the nature of the easement, the period for which it is granted and any conditions, limitations or restrictions intended to affect its enjoyment; and
  - (b) the land burdened by the easement and, if required by the Director, the particular part thereof so burdened; and
  - (c) the land which enjoys the benefit of the easement;
- and shall if so required by the Director, include a plan sufficient in the Director's estimation to define the easement.
- (4) The grant or reservation of the easement shall be completed by its registration as an encumbrance in the register of the lease burdened and in the property section of the register of the lease which benefits and by filing the instrument.
- (5) An easement granted by the proprietor of a registered lease shall be capable of subsisting only during the subsistence of the lease.

**RESTRICTIVE AGREEMENT**

68. (1) Where an instrument other than a lease or mortgage contains an agreement (hereinafter referred to as a "restrictive agreement") by one proprietor restricting the building on or the use or other enjoyment of the land comprised in his registered lease for the benefit of the proprietor of any other registered lease and is presented to the Director, the Director shall note the restrictive agreement in the encumbrances section of the register of the lease burdened by the restrictive agreement, either by entering particulars of the agreement or by referring to the instrument containing the agreement and shall file the instrument.
- (2) Unless it is noted in the register a restrictive agreement shall not bind the proprietor of the lease burdened by it.

- (3) The note of a restrictive agreement in the register does not give the agreement any greater force or validity than it would have had if it had not been registrable under this Act and had not been noted.
- (4) In so far as the restrictive agreement is capable of taking effect not only the proprietors themselves but also their respective successors in title shall be entitled to the benefit and subject to the burden of it respectively, unless the instrument otherwise provides.

### **PROFITS**

- 69. (1) The proprietor of a registered lease may, by an instrument in the prescribed form, grant a profit.
  - (2) The instrument shall indicate clearly -
    - (a) the nature of the profit and the period for which it is to be enjoyed;
    - (b) whether it is to be enjoyed in gross, or as appurtenant to any other registered lease; and
    - (c) whether it is to be enjoyed by the grantee exclusively, or by him in common with the grantor.
  - (3) The grant of a profit shall be completed -
    - (a) by its registration as an encumbrance in the register of the lease which it affects;
    - (b) where it is appurtenant to another registered lease by its registration in the property section of the register of the lease concerned; and
    - (c) by filing the instrument.
  - (4) A profit which is not appurtenant to a registered lease may be dealt with as though it were such a lease.
  - (5) A profit granted by the proprietor of a registered lease shall be capable of subsisting only during the subsistence of the lease.

**RELEASE AND EXTINGUISHMENT OF EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIVE AGREEMENTS AND PROFITS**

70. (1) Upon presentation of a duly executed release in the prescribed form, the registration of the easement, restrictive agreement or profit shall be cancelled and thereupon the easement, restrictive agreement or profit shall become extinguished.
- (2) On the application of any person affected thereby, the Director may cancel the registration of an easement, restrictive agreement or profit upon proof to his satisfaction that -
- (a) the period of time for which it was intended to subsist has expired; or
  - (b) the event upon which it was intended to determine has occurred; or
  - (c) it has been abandoned.

**EXTINGUISHMENT AND MODIFICATION OF EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIVE AGREEMENTS AND PROFITS**

71. (1) The Court has power, on the application of any proprietor of a registered lease affected by an easement, restrictive agreement or profit, by order wholly or partially to extinguish or modify the easement, restrictive agreement or profit (with or without payment by the applicant of compensation to any person suffering loss in consequence of the order), on being satisfied that -
- (a) by reason of changes in the character of the property or the neighbourhood or other circumstances which the Court deems material, the easement, restrictive agreement or profit ought to be held to be obsolete; or
  - (b) the continued existence of the easement, restrictive agreement or profit impedes the reasonable use of the land for public or private purposes without securing practical benefits to other persons or as the case may be, will unless modified so impede such user; or
  - (c) the proposed extinguishment or modification will not adversely affect the person entitled to the benefit of the easement, restrictive agreement or profit.

**LICENCES**

72. (1) Without prejudice to section 93 a licence shall not be capable of registration.
- (2) A licence relating to the use or enjoyment of the land comprised in a registered lease is ineffective against a bona fide purchaser for valuable consideration unless the licensee has protected his interest by lodging a caution under section 93.

**PART XI**

**CO-PROPRIETORSHIP**

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73. (1) Every instrument required to be registered under this Act whereby an interest would become vested in more than five persons shall, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained therein, operate to vest the interest in the first five persons named in the instrument as joint proprietors on the statutory trusts.
- (2) An instrument required to be registered under this Act made in favour of two or more persons shall declare whether such persons are joint proprietors or proprietors in common and in the case of proprietors in common, the share of each such owner.

**PROPRIETORSHIP IN COMMON**

74. (1) Where a registered interest is vested in proprietors in common, the proprietors shall be entitled to undivided shares in the interest in such proportion as may be registered and on the death of any of the proprietors in common his share shall be administered as part of his estate.
- (2) No proprietor in common of a registered interest shall dispose of his undivided share in favour of any person other than another proprietor in common of the same interest except with the consent in writing of the remaining proprietor or proprietors of the interest, but such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

**JOINT PROPRIETORSHIP**

75. (1) Where a registered interest is vested in joint proprietors, the joint proprietors shall hold on the statutory trusts.
- (2) Where two or more persons are joint proprietors of such a registered interest -
- (a) a disposition of that interest shall be made only by all the joint proprietors; and
- (b) on the death of a joint proprietor the interest shall vest in the surviving proprietor or proprietors.

**PART XII**

**INSTRUMENTS AND AGENTS**

**FORM OF INSTRUMENTS**

76. (1) Every disposition of a registered interest shall be effected by an instrument in the prescribed form or in such other form as the Director may in any particular case approve.
- (2) When a lease or mortgage is registered, and a duplicate or triplicate thereof is produced to the Director, particulars of registration shall be noted thereon, and the duplicate and triplicate shall be returned to the person who presented them, but such note shall not be taken to involve the Director in liability for any inaccuracy which may exist in any such duplicate or triplicate.
- (3) Instruments shall contain a true statement of the amount or value of the purchase price or loan or other consideration (if any), and an acknowledgement of the receipt of the consideration.

**EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS**

77. (1) Every instrument evidencing a disposition shall be executed by all persons shown by the register to be proprietors of the interest affected and by all other parties to the instrument:

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Provided that the Director may dispense with execution by any particular party (other than a donee under a disposition by way of gift) where he considers that such execution is unnecessary.

- (2) An instrument shall be deemed to have been executed only –
  - (a) by a natural person, if signed by him or his duly authorised attorney;
  - (c) by a corporation –
    - (i) if sealed with the common seal of the corporation affixed thereto in the presence of and attested by its clerk, secretary or other permanent officer and by a member of the board of directors, council or other governing body of the corporation, or in the presence of and attested by two members of such board, council or other governing body; or
    - (ii) if signed by such persons as are authorised in that behalf by any law or by the statute or charter of the corporation or in the absence of any express provision, by the persons duly appointed in writing for that purpose, evidence of which has been produced to the satisfaction of the Director.

**VERIFICATION OF EXECUTION**

- 78. (1) Subject to subsection (5), a person other than a body corporate, executing an instrument required to be registered under this Act shall appear before an authorised officer for the purposes of this section and, unless he is personally known to the authorised officer, he shall be accompanied by a credible witness for the purpose of establishing his identity.
- (2) The authorised officer shall satisfy himself as to the identity of the person appearing before him and ascertain whether he freely and voluntarily executed and appeared fully to understand the instrument and shall complete a certificate to that effect.
- (3) Authorised officers for the purpose of this section are –
  - (a) within Vanuatu -

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- (i) the secretary to any local government council;
  - (ii) a magistrate;
  - (iii) the Registrar of the Supreme Court;
  - (iv) the Registrar and Receiver General;
  - (v) persons for the time being registered as legal practitioners;
  - (vi) Notaries Public;
  - (vii) Commissioners for Oaths;
  - (viii) managers for the time being of any bank or branch thereof;
  - (ix) surveyors in the Department of Surveys;
  - (x) such other persons or class of persons as the Minister may by notice published in the Gazette approve;
- (b) in any foreign country -
- (i) consular officers or proconsular officers of Vanuatu;
  - (ii) Notaries Public;
  - (iii) such other persons or class of persons as the Minister may by notice published in the Gazette approve.
- (4) Every certificate of verification required for the purpose of this section shall be in the following form which may be printed on or otherwise incorporated in any instrument presented for registration -

"I certify that the above-named .....  
appeared before me at ..... on this .....  
day of ..... 20 .....  
\*being identified to me by ..... of  
.....  
\*(or) being personally known to me and, that \*he/\*she/\*they freely and  
voluntarily signed and appeared fully to understand this instrument.

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*\*delete the underlined alternatives inapplicable.* .....  
*Signature, name, designation and seal/stamp of office of person completing certificate."*

- (5) The Director may dispense with verification under this subsection -
- (a) if he considers that it cannot be obtained or can be obtained only with difficulty and he is otherwise satisfied that the document has been properly executed; or
  - (b) in cases in which to his knowledge the document has been properly executed, and shall record on the document his reasons for dispensing with verification.

**STAMPS**

79. No instrument required by law to be stamped shall be accepted for registration unless it is duly stamped.

**DISPOSAL OF INSTRUMENTS**

80. (1) All instruments accepted by the Director shall be retained in the Land Records Office for as long as they support a current entry in the register and for 6 years thereafter.
- (2) On the expiry of 6 years after an entry in the register has been superseded or has ceased to have effect, the Director may destroy any instrument which supported the entry.

**PERSONS WHO ARE MENTALLY INFIRM**

81. (1) If the Director has reason to believe that any person whose name is entered on the register is incapable by reason of mental infirmity of acting, he shall refuse to register any instrument to which that person is expressed to be a party or affecting any right or interest owned by or vested in that person unless the instrument is executed or approved in writing by the guardian of that person.
- (2) Where any person claims to be the guardian of a person whose name is entered on the register and who in the opinion of the Director is incapable by reason of mental infirmity of acting, the Director shall require him to produce an order of a court of competent jurisdiction appointing him, or recognising him as such guardian.



- (3) On the hearing of an application under subsection (2) the Court may make an order -
  - (a) declaring that the applicant is the guardian of the person in question; or
  - (b) appointing some other person to be such guardian.

### POWERS OF ATTORNEY

82. (1) The Director shall, subject to the provisions of this section, maintain an index of powers of attorney in such form and manner as he may deem fit.
- (2) Upon the application of the donor or the donee of a power of attorney which contains any power to dispose of any registered interest in land, such power shall be entered in an index of powers of attorney and the original, or with the consent of the Director, a copy thereof certified by the Director, shall be filed.
- (3) Every such power shall be in the prescribed form and shall be executed and verified in accordance with sections 77 and 78 except where the Director in any particular case otherwise permits.
- (4) The donor of a power of attorney recorded under this section may at any time give notice to the Director in the prescribed form or in such other form as the Director may approve, that the power has been revoked.
- (5) Any interested person may give notice in writing to the Director that a power of attorney which has been registered under this section has been revoked by the death, bankruptcy or disability of the donor, accompanied by such evidence as the Director requires.
- (6) Subsections (4) and (5) shall not apply to any power of attorney given for valuable consideration during any time during which it is by virtue of the terms thereof, irrevocable.
- (7) If owing to the length of time since the execution of a power of attorney or for any other reason the Director considers it desirable, he may require evidence that the power has not been revoked and may refuse to register any disposition by the donee of the power of attorney until satisfactory evidence is produced.

**EFFECT OF REGISTERED POWERS OF ATTORNEY**

83. (1) A power of attorney which has been recorded under section 82 and of which no notice of revocation has been received under that section shall be deemed to be subsisting as regards the Director and any person acquiring any interest in land affected by the exercise of the power, for valuable consideration and without notice of revocation and in good faith, or any person deriving title under such a person.
- (2) Any person making any payment or doing any act in good faith in pursuance of a power of attorney recorded under section 82, shall not be liable in respect of the payment or act by reason only that before the payment or act the donor of the power had died or become subject to a disability or become bankrupt, or had revoked the power, if the fact of death, disability, bankruptcy or revocation was not at the time of the payment or act known to the person making or doing the payment or act.

**PART XIII**

**TRANSMISSION AND TRUSTS**

**TRANSMISSION ON DEATH OF SOLE PROPRIETOR OR PROPRIETOR IN COMMON**

84. (1) If a sole proprietor or a proprietor in common of a registered interest dies, his personal representative, on application to the Director in the prescribed form accompanied by proof of his authority to act, shall be entitled to require the Director -
- (a) to register him by transmission as proprietor in place of the deceased with the addition after his name of the words "as executor of the will of ..... deceased" or "as administrator of the estate of ..... deceased" as the case may be; or
  - (b) to register some other specified person as proprietor or proprietor in common of the deceased's interest.
- (2) For the purpose of subsection (1) authority to act shall consist of a grant of probate of the will, a grant of letters of administration or an order of a court.

**EFFECT OF TRANSMISSION ON DEATH**

85. Subject to any restriction on his power of disposing of the registered interest contained in his appointment, if any, the personal representative or the person beneficially entitled on the death of the deceased proprietor, as the case may be, shall hold the interest subject to any liabilities, rights or interests which are unregistered but are nevertheless enforceable and subject to which the deceased proprietor held the same, but for the purpose of any registered dealing he shall be deemed to have been registered as proprietor thereof with all the rights conferred by this Act on a proprietor who has acquired a registered interest for valuable consideration.

**WILLS**

86. A registered interest in land may be disposed of by a valid will, that is to say, a will which is valid under the law in force in Vanuatu.

**TRANSMISSION ON BANKRUPTCY**

87. (1) A trustee in bankruptcy shall, upon production to the Director of a certified copy of the order of the Court adjudging a proprietor bankrupt, or directing that the estate of a deceased proprietor be administered according to the law of bankruptcy, be registered as proprietor of any registered interest of which the bankrupt or deceased proprietor is proprietor in his place, and a copy of the order shall be filed.
- (2) A trustee in bankruptcy shall be described in the register "as trustee of the property of ..... a bankrupt".
- (3) The trustee in bankruptcy shall, hold any interest of which he is registered as proprietor subject to any restrictions contained in any law relating to bankruptcy or in any order of the Court and subject to any liabilities, rights or interests which are unregistered but are nevertheless enforceable and subject to which the bankrupt or deceased proprietor held the same, but for the purpose of any dealing in such interest the trustee in bankruptcy shall have all the rights and be subject to all the limitations conferred by this or any other law on a proprietor who has acquired the interest for valuable consideration.

**TRANSMISSION IN OTHER CASES**

88. Where any person has become entitled to any registered interest under any law or by virtue of any order or certificate of sale made or issued under such law, the Director shall, on the application of any interested person supported by such evidence as he may require, register the person entitled as proprietor of that interest.

**TRUSTS**

89. (1) A person acquiring a registered interest in a fiduciary capacity may be described by that capacity in the instrument of acquisition and, if so described, shall be registered with addition of the words "as trustee", but the Director shall not enter particulars of any trust on the register.
- (2) An instrument which declares or is deemed to declare any trust, or a certified copy thereof, may be deposited with the Director for safe custody; but such instrument or copy shall not form part of the register or be deemed to be registered.
- (3) Where the proprietor of a registered interest is a trustee, he shall hold the same subject to any unregistered liabilities, rights or interests to which it is subject by virtue of the instrument creating the trust, but for the purpose of any registered dealings for valuable consideration he shall be deemed to be the absolute proprietor thereof, and no person dealing with the interest shall be deemed to have notice of the trust, nor shall any breach of the trust create any right to indemnity under this Act.

**SURVIVOR OF TRUSTEES**

90. Whenever two or more proprietors are registered jointly as trustees, and the survivor of such proprietors would not be entitled to exercise alone the powers which were vested in them, the Director shall enter a restriction to that effect.

**STATUTORY TRUSTS**

91. (1) For the purpose of this Act, a registered interest held upon the statutory trusts shall be held upon trust to sell the same with power to postpone such sale as the trustee thinks fit and to stand possessed of the net proceeds of sale, after payment of costs, and of the net rent and profits until sale, after payment of all outgoings, upon such trusts and subject to such powers and provisions as may be requisite for giving effect to the rights of the persons beneficially interested in the interest.

- (2) A registered lease held upon the statutory trusts may subject to the provisions of section 12 be divided by the trustees among the beneficiaries under the trust, and on any such division the trustees may provide for the payment either in cash or by way of a mortgage of equality money.
- (3) Any beneficiary under a trust who objects to the exercise of the powers granted by subsection (2) may, either before such exercise or within 6 months thereafter, apply to the Court, which may make such order as it thinks just and may order rectification of the register under section 100.
- (4) The trusts and powers set out in this section shall be deemed to be incorporated in any instrument which operates expressly to vest any registered interest in any person upon the statutory trusts or whereby any person expressly declares that he holds upon the statutory trusts any registered interest already vested in him.

#### **TRANSMISSION ON DEATH OF A JOINT PROPRIETOR**

92. On proof of the death of any person registered as the joint proprietor of a registered interest, the Director shall register the survivor or survivors as proprietor or proprietors of the interest and he or they shall thereupon become the transferee or transferees of such interest.

#### **PART XIV**

#### **CAUTIONS**

#### **LODGING OF CAUTIONS**

93. (1) Any person who -
  - (a) claims any interest in land under an unregistered instrument or otherwise;
  - (b) claims a benefit under a trust affecting a registered interest;
  - (c) claims a licence affecting a registered interest; or
  - (d) has presented a bankruptcy or winding up petition against the proprietor of a registered interest;

may lodge with the Director a caution in the prescribed form forbidding the registration of any person as transferee of, or any instrument affecting, that interest, either absolutely or conditionally.

- (2) A note of every caution shall be entered on the register and the Director shall take such steps as he thinks fit to bring the caution to the notice of the registered proprietors of interests affected by it.
- (3) Every caution shall specify an address in Vanuatu of the cautioner and the cautioner may at any time prior to the receipt by the Director of an application for the removal of the caution under section 97, by notice in writing to the Director, appoint an address in Vanuatu in lieu of the address specified in the caution, whereat notices relating to the caution or proceedings in respect thereof may be served on the cautioner.
- (4) Every notice relating to any caution and any proceedings in respect thereof shall be deemed to be duly served if served at the address in Vanuatu specified under subsection (3).

#### **EFFECT OF CAUTIONS**

94. So long as any caution remains in force the Director shall not, except in accordance with the provisions of the caution or with the consent in writing of the cautioner or his legal representative enter on the register any change in proprietorship (except a transmission under section 84, 87, 88 or 92) or any dealing (except a dealing which is shown to the satisfaction of the Director not to be to the prejudice of the person for whose protection the caution has been lodged) affecting the interest or licence in respect of which the caution is lodged; but no instrument already lodged and acceptable for registration shall be affected by any caution lodged subsequently.

#### **DIRECTOR'S CAUTION**

95. The Director may enter a caution to prohibit any dealing with any registered interest belonging or supposed to belong to a person under a disability or absent from Vanuatu or to prohibit dealings with any interest in any case in which it appears that an error has been made in the register or in any instrument, or to prevent any fraud or improper dealing.

**DURATION OF CAUTIONS**

96. (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, a caution, other than a caution entered by the Director, shall lapse, as to any interest affected by any transfer or other dealing, except -
- (a) a transmission under sections 84, 87 or 88;
  - (b) a transfer or dealing to which the cautioner or his legal representative has lodged with the Director his consent in writing; or
  - (c) a transfer or dealing which is shown to the satisfaction of the Director not to be to the prejudice of the person for whose protection the caution has been lodged;
- upon the expiration of 30 days after notice given by the Director to the cautioner that a transfer or dealing has been lodged for registration, which notice shall be given whenever any transfer or dealing is lodged.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) but subject to the provisions of section 97(3) the Director may at any time and from time to time and on such conditions as he deems fit extend the operation of a caution or revive a lapsed caution; and if the cautioner serves upon the Director a certified copy of pending court proceedings the Director shall extend the operation of the caution until the outcome of these proceedings.
- (3) If a cautioner dies, the caution may be withdrawn or a consent to registration under subsection (1)(b) may be given by his personal representative.

**APPLICATION FOR REMOVAL OF CAUTION**

97. (1) The cautioner or his legal representative, may at any time apply to withdraw the caution.
- (2) Any person adversely affected by any caution may apply to the Director for the removal of the caution.
- (3) The Director on his own motion may, or on the application of any interested person, shall, give notice to the cautioner requiring him to withdraw his caution or substantiate his claim, and if the cautioner does not comply with the notice or file with the Director a certified copy of pending court proceedings within 30 days from the date of the notice the Director shall remove the caution from the register.

- (4) A caution which has been removed in pursuance of subsection (2) shall not be renewed by or on behalf of the same person in respect of the same claim.
- (5) Any person lodging any caution with the Director or allowing any caution to remain without reasonable cause shall be liable to pay such compensation as the Court thinks just to any person who sustains damage or who has incurred costs or expenses thereby.

#### **DEFINITION**

98. In this part the expression "pending court proceedings" means pending proceedings in the Court as a result of which the validity or invalidity of the claim of the cautioner appears likely to be determined.

#### **PART XV**

#### **RECTIFICATION AND INDEMNITY**

##### **RECTIFICATION BY THE DIRECTOR**

99. (1) Subject to section 100(2), if it appears to the Director that any register does not truly declare the actual interest to which any person is entitled under this Act or is in some respect erroneous or imperfect, the Director after taking such steps as he thinks fit to bring to the notice of any person shown by the register to be interested his intention so to do, and giving every such person an opportunity to be heard, may as from such date as he thinks fit, rectify the register:

Provided that it shall not be necessary for the Director to take steps to bring the rectification to the notice of any person shown by the register to be interested nor to give any such person an opportunity to be heard in formal matters and in the case of errors and omissions not materially affecting the interests of any person.

- (2) Upon the written application of any proprietor accompanied by such evidence as the Director may require, the change of name or address of that proprietor shall be recorded in the register.
- (3) The Director shall rectify the register to give effect to an order of rectification of the register made by the Court.



**RECTIFICATION BY THE COURT**

100. (1) Subject to subsection (2) the Court may order rectification of the register by directing that any registration be cancelled or amended where it is so empowered by this Act or where it is satisfied that any registration has been obtained, made or omitted by fraud or mistake.
- (2) The register shall not be rectified so as to affect the title of a proprietor who is in possession and acquired the interest for valuable consideration, unless such proprietor had knowledge of the omission, fraud or mistake in consequence of which the rectification is sought, or caused such omission, fraud or mistake or substantially contributed to it by his act, neglect or default.

**INDEMNITY**

101. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act and of any law relating to the limitation of actions any person suffering damage by reasons of –
- (a) any rectification of the register under this Act;
  - (b) any mistake or omission in the register which cannot be rectified under this Act; or
  - (c) any error in a copy of or extract from the register or any copy of or extract from any document or plan in each case certified under this Act;
- shall be entitled to be indemnified by the Government.
- (2) No indemnity shall be payable under this section -
- (a) to any person who has himself caused or substantially contributed to the damage by his fraud or negligence or who derives title, otherwise than under a registered disposition made bona fide for valuable consideration, from a person who so caused or substantially contributed to the damage;
  - (b) in respect of any loss or damage occasioned by the breach of any trust; and

- (c) in respect of any damage arising out of any matter into which the Director is exonerated from enquiry under section 24.

#### **AMOUNT OF INDEMNITY**

102. (1) Where an indemnity is awarded in respect of the loss of any registered interest it shall not exceed -
- (a) where the register is not rectified, the value of the interest at the time when the mistake or omission which caused the damage was made; or
  - (b) where the register is rectified, the value of the interest immediately before the time of rectification.
- (2) Every award of indemnity shall include interest thereon at 5 per centum per annum from the date of the award up to the date of payment.

#### **PROCEDURE FOR CLAIMING INDEMNITY**

103. Any person who considers that he has a right to indemnity under the provisions of section 101 may apply to the Court which shall hear and determine the matter and subject to the provisions of section 102 shall make such award, if any, including costs and expenses as it thinks fit.

#### **RECOVERY OF INDEMNITY PAID**

104. Where any moneys are paid by way of indemnity, the Government may recover by action before the Court the amount so paid, or such lesser amount as the Court thinks fit, from any person who has caused or substantially contributed to the loss by his fraud or negligence or may enforce any express or implied agreement or other right which the person who is indemnified would have been entitled to enforce in relation to the matter in respect of which the indemnity had been paid.

#### **ERRORS IN SURVEY**

105. (1) As between the Government and a registered proprietor no claim to indemnity shall arise and no suit shall be maintained on account of any surplus or deficiency in the area or measurement of any land disclosed by a survey showing an area or measurement differing from the area or measurement disclosed on any subsequent survey or from the area or measurement shown in the register or filed survey plan.

- (2) As between a registered proprietor and any person from or through whom he acquired the interest, no claim to indemnity shall be maintainable on account of any surplus or deficiency in the area or measurement above or below that shown in any other survey or above or below the area or measurement shown in the register or any filed survey plan after a period of 6 months from the date of registration of the instrument under which the proprietor acquired his interest.

**PART XVI**

**APPEALS**

**APPEALS AGAINST THE DIRECTOR**

106. Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Director given in pursuance of his powers under this Act, may, within 6 months from the notification of the decision appeal to the Court which may confirm, quash or vary the decision as it thinks just, and may under section 100 order rectification of the register:

Provided that no appeal shall lie under this section where the decision of the Director has been given in conformity with the determination by the Court of a case or question stated or reserved by him in connection with the same matter for its consideration under section 8(g).

**PART XVII**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**PRESUMPTION AS TO AGE**

107. The parties to any instrument affecting a registered interest shall, until the contrary is proved, be presumed, to be of the age of 18 or more at the date thereof. A person under the age of 18 years shall not be registered as the proprietor of a lease or of any interest therein.

**SERVICES OF NOTICES**

108. A notice under this Act shall be deemed to have been served on or given to any person -
- (a) if served on him personally;

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- (b) if left for him at his last known place of residence or business in Vanuatu;
- (c) if sent by registered post to him at his last known postal address in Vanuatu;
- (d) if the person is absent from Vanuatu the notice may be served upon any attorney in Vanuatu appointed by him, and if the person is dead, the notice may be served upon his personal representative;
- (e) if it is impracticable to serve notice in any of the manners specified in paragraphs (b) to (d) above, the notice may be served in such manner as may be directed by an order of a court;
- (f) notwithstanding anything in paragraphs (a) to (e) -
  - (i) it shall be the duty of any person seeking to serve the notice to do everything reasonably practical to ensure the contents of the notice come to the knowledge of the person affected thereby;
  - (ii) a court may in any case make an order directing the manner in which any notice is to be served or dispensing with the service thereof.

**OFFENCES**

109. (1) Any person who knowingly misleads or deceives any person authorised by or under this Act to require information in respect of any registered interest shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 1 year or to a fine not exceeding VT100,000 or to both.
- (2) Any person who -
- (a) fraudulently issues or makes or fraudulently procures the issue or making of any document relating to a registered interest in land or any registration, or any erasure or alteration in any document as aforesaid or in any register; or
  - (b) removes from the Land Records Office any register or any part of any register or any instrument or plan filed in the Land Records Office; or

- (c) causes any defacement, obliteration, mutilation or unauthorised entry or alteration to be made on or in any register or filed instrument,

shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction for a term of imprisonment not exceeding 3 years or to a fine not exceeding VT300,000 or to both.

- (3) If any person, after the delivery to him of a summons to attend before the Director or to produce any document, neglects or refuses without reasonable cause to attend in accordance with the summons, or to produce any document which he is required by the summons to produce or to answer upon oath or otherwise any question which is lawfully put to him by the Director under the powers conferred by this Act, he shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction for a term of imprisonment not exceeding 1 month, or to a fine not exceeding VT10,000 or to both:

Provided that no prosecution under this subsection shall be instituted without the written consent of the Attorney General.

### PART XVIII

#### FEES AND RULES

##### FEES

110. (1) The fees specified in the Schedule to this Act shall be paid in respect of the matters specified therein and the Director may refuse registration until the fees are paid.
- (2) Unpaid fees payable to the Director shall constitute a civil debt recoverable by the Director in the appropriate court.

##### RULES

111. The Minister may by order make rules not inconsistent with this Act generally to give effect to the purposes and provisions of this Act and to prescribe all matters that may be prescribed, and in particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, may -

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- (a) prescribe agreements to be implied in leases on the part of the lessor or lessee;
- (b) prescribe forms to be used under this Act including standard forms of leases of the following classes -

Class A: Agricultural leases  
Class B: Residential leases  
Class C: Commercial leases  
Class D: Industrial leases  
Class E: Special leases.

**PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT TO PREVAIL**

112. Where a provision of this Act conflicts with a provision of any other written law except the Constitution, the provisions of this Act shall prevail.

**SCHEDULE**

(section 110(1))

**REGISTRATION FEES**

- 1. Amount of fees
  - (a) Creation of a lease 2%
  - (b) Transfer of a lease 2%
  - (c) Creation and transfer of a mortgage 0.5%
  - (d) Combination and subdivision 2%

- 2. Reduction of fees

The amounts set out in paragraph 1 are reduced:

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- (a) to 1% in respect of leases granted to lessees respecting any land of which the lessee was registered as owner or lessee on the 29th day of July 1980 in the Registry of Land Titles established by Joint Regulation 3 of 1930;
  - (b) to 0.5% in respect of mortgages, created before the 30th day of July, 1980 and registered in the Registry of Land Titles established by Joint Regulation No. 3 of 1930.
3. Payment of ad valorem fees
- (a) Subject to agreement otherwise between the parties to an instrument, the payment of these fees shall be made by the transferee, lessee or mortgagor, or the person taking the benefit of any other registrable instrument.
  - (b) The Government, any Local Government Council, any Municipal Council and the National Housing Corporation shall be exempt from payment of any fees under this Act.
  - (c) The fee to be charged for transfers shall be based on the total price expressed in the instrument of transfer, or if no price is stipulated, upon the value of the interest transferred at the date of transfer as declared to the Director by the parties to the instrument.
  - (d) The fees to be charged on leases shall be assessed on the value of any premium and on the term in years multiplied by the highest ascertainable annual rent. Where the rent or any part thereof is not ascertainable at the time of registration, a fee of VT50,000 shall be payable in respect of the said unascertainable rent in addition to any other fee payable.
  - (e) Where a mortgage has been created and the amount of the advance made or to be made is not specified in the instrument, the fee payable shall be assessed on the maximum sum up to which advances may be made as evidenced by a certificate from the mortgagee. Any sum or sums subsequently advanced to the mortgagor on the same security, which increase the amount of the advance beyond the sum in respect of which fees have been paid shall be declared to the Director within 1 month from the date thereof by a further certificate by the mortgagee, and an additional fee at the rate prescribed in paragraph 1(c) shall be paid in respect of each such increase.

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- (f) The fee payable on combinations and subdivisions shall be based on the aggregate value of the parcels. If a subdivision involves the payment of equality money, the same shall be subject to a fee of 2% as prescribed in paragraph l(d).
  - (g) Whenever, in respect of an instrument presented for registration, the Director deems it desirable, he may require a valuation to be made by the Referee. If the valuation is in excess of the price or the declared value, the cost of the valuation shall be borne by the party liable for the fee. Otherwise the cost shall be borne by the Government.
  - (h) For the purposes of computing fees, sums shall be rounded up to the next unit of VT100.
  - (i) The fees prescribed shall be payable in advance.
  - (j) If an application is cancelled or withdrawn no part of any fee shall be refunded and if such application is subsequently relodged, a further fee shall be payable.
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**LAND LEASES GENERAL RULES**

Order 3 of 1984

Order 9 of 1986

**ARRANGEMENT OF RULES**

**RULE**

1. Interpretation
2. Hours of public business of Land Records Office
3. Amendments, corrections, erasures, etc.
4. Lodgment for registration
5. Fees
6. Evidence of incorporation
7. Execution of instruments by corporations
8. Attestation of instrument
9. Persons interested in instruments may not attest
10. Deposit of deeds in archives

**SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION**

**LAND LEASES GENERAL RULES**

**To provide rules for the administration and operation of the Land Records Office.**

**INTERPRETATION**

1. In these rules reference to "Act" shall mean the Land Leases Act, Cap. 163.

**HOURS OF PUBLIC BUSINESS OF LAND RECORDS OFFICE**

2. The hours during which the Land Records Office shall be open to the public shall, except on public holidays, be from 9 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. on Mondays to Fridays inclusive.

**AMENDMENTS, CORRECTIONS, ERASURES, ETC.**

3. (1) The Director may refuse to register any instrument which because of erasures or alterations or otherwise howsoever he considers may not be in the condition in which it was originally executed by the parties thereto.  
(2) If any instrument at the time of its presentation for registration contains any amendment, alteration or correction, which has not been initialled in the margin by the person or persons executing it and by the authorised officer or attesting witness or witnesses, the Director may refuse to accept it for registration.  
(3) Where all the parties to any instrument which has been accepted by the Director for registration but not registered by him, require to make any amendment, alteration or correction therein, the Director may permit them to do so either by re-executing the document when amended, altered or corrected, or by initialling each and every such amendment, alteration or correction.

**LODGMET FOR REGISTRATION**

- 4. (1) Every application (other than an application lodged for registration by post where section 27(2) of the Act applies) shall be lodged by presenting the same manually at the public counter of the Land Records Office during the hours that such Office is open to the public, and the Director shall note the day and hour of presentation on every application accepted by him for registration for the purpose of determining the priority thereof.
- (2) It shall be lawful for the Director to refuse to accept any application for registration of any matter -
  - (a) when the fee assessed by the Director to be payable in accordance with these Rules in respect thereof has not been paid;
  - (b) if the relevant instrument and documents do not accompany the application, unless such instruments, or documents are proved to the Director's satisfaction to be already in the Land Records Office;
  - (c) if the application, instrument or document contains any apparent material defect or omission;
  - (d) if any instrument is not duly stamped as required by the Stamp Duties Act, Cap. 68 or any amendment or re-enactment thereof;
  - (e) in any case falling within the scope of rule 3(1) or 3(2); or
  - (f) where the application or any instrument is not in due form or duly attested.

**FEES**

- 5. (1) The following fees shall be payable:

**VT**

For certified copies of the register or of any filed document, per folio .....	100
Land Records Office inspection fee, per file or document .....	100
For application for registration or stay of registration .....	1,000

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For application for registration of surrender of lease/sublease .....	500
For application for registration of discharge of mortgage .....	500
For application for registration of release of easement, restrictive agreement, profit .....	500
For application for registration of power of attorney .....	1,000
For application for registration of revocation of power of attorney .....	500
For application for registration of transmission .....	1,000
For application for registration of caution .....	1,000
For approval/registration of a document not in statutory form, in addition to any other authorised fee .....	1,000
For application for a change of name .....	500
For application for the registration of a variation of a lease or mortgage .....	1,000
For registration of an easement or profit or restrictive agreement or any variation thereof .....	1,000
For any other application for which no fee has been prescribed and for which the Director considers a fee should be paid .....	1,000

- (2) If more than one separate matter shall be included in the same application the appropriate fee prescribed in subrule (1) shall be paid for each such matter, and in the event of doubt as to what is a separate matter the question shall be determined by the Director whose decision shall be final and shall not be questioned in any proceedings whatsoever.
- (3) In cases where two or more owners of separate parcels of land combine in one instrument to deal with their respective parcels, the same registration fee shall be payable in respect of such instrument as would have been payable if each owner had executed a separate instrument.
- (4) The fees specified in this rule and under section 110 of the Act shall be paid notwithstanding the rejection by the Director of any application.

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- (5) The Director may in his discretion remit or refund any prescribed fee or any part thereof.
- (6) No fees under this rule shall be payable by or on behalf of the Government.
- (7) A double fee is payable in respect of a delayed registration (as provided by section 25 of the Act).
- (8) No fees under this rule shall be payable for an application notifying a change of address.

**EVIDENCE OF INCORPORATION**

6. An application for registration of a dealing whereby a corporation acquires an interest shall be accompanied by a certificate of incorporation or by a copy of the statute, charter etc., creating the corporation, duly certified as a true copy by a permanent officer or solicitor of the corporation, or by such other evidence of incorporation as the Director may require (as provided by section 30(5) of the Act).

**EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS BY CORPORATIONS**

7. The normal requirements for the execution of instruments are set out in section 77 of the Act. In the case of corporations, the position in the corporation of the person signing the instrument or of the witnesses to the sealing must be stated. Where an instrument is signed or sealed other than in accordance with section 77(2)(b)(i) it must be supported by a copy or extract of the corporations creating statute, charter, etc. containing the provisions in respect thereof duly certified that it is a true copy or extract by a permanent officer or solicitor for the corporation.

**ATTESTATION OF INSTRUMENT**

8. (1) The following persons, during such times as they are in Vanuatu, shall be authorised officers for the purposes of section 78(3)(a)(x) of the Act -
  - all officers holding the office of Assistant Land Officer or Land Officer in the Department of Lands;

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- the general managers and all officers holding the office of Land Officers in the Port Vila and Luganville Urban Land Corporations; the secretary of the Santo Land Council;
- (2) Consular and pro-consular officers in any foreign country shall be the authorised officers for the purposes of section 78(3)(b)(iii) of the Act.

**PERSONS INTERESTED IN INSTRUMENTS MAY NOT ATTEST**

9. No authorised officer or other person authorised by section 78 of the Act to complete a certificate of verification shall complete any such certificate in relation to, or verify the execution of any instrument in or by which such officer or person acquires or disposes of any interest.

**DEPOSIT OF DEEM IN ARCHIVES**

10. The Director may in his discretion lodge in the public archives any documents of title which he does not consider necessary to retain in any land registry.

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**LAND LEASES PRESCRIBED FORMS**

Order 4 of 1984  
Order 10 of 1986  
Order 11 of 1986

**The forms set out in the Schedule hereto are hereby prescribed for the particular purposes of the Act specified on each form.**

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**APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION**

**SECTION 1.**

DO NOT WRITE HERE. THIS IS FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

APPLICATION No :  
TIME AND DATE OF RECEIPT :  
..... HOURS the ..... :  
day of ..... 20 ..... :

**COMPLETE SECTIONS BELOW AFTER READING  
NOTES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE**

**SECTION 2.**

WRITE TITLE NUMBER(S) AFFECTED

1 : 4 : 7

2 : 5 : 8

3 : 6 : 9

**SECTION 3.**

LIST DEALING(S) IN ORDER OF PRIORITY TO BE REGISTERED

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**SECTION 4.**

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**LIST INSTRUMENT(S) AND OTHER DOCUMENTS ENCLOSED**

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2 : 5

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3 : 6

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**SECTION 5.**

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**FULL NAMES OF APPLICANT(S) IN BLOCK CAPITALS**

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2 : 5

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**SECTION 6.**

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**ADDRESS(ES) AND TELEPHONE NUMBER(S) IN VANUATU**

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2 : 5

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3

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**SINGLE NAME AND ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER IN VANUATU  
FOR COMMUNICATIONS WHERE THERE IS MORE THAN ONE APPLICANT**

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I tender herewith cash/cheque for VT ..... in payment of registration fees.

I/We apply for the registration of the dealings listed in Section 3.

Signature(s)

**NOTES**

1. Applications may be presented:
  - (1) by hand delivered to the Land Records Office, Port Vila; or
  - (2) by post addressed to the Land Records Office, P.O. Box 57, Port Vila.
2. Priority is not established until the application with all supporting documents is accepted by the Director of Land Records.
3. The correct fees must accompany the application, otherwise it will be rejected.
4. Instruments presented with an application should bear the seal of the Controller of Stamp Duties together with his stamp indicating either:
  - (1) that the instrument is not liable to stamp duty; or
  - (2) that stamp duty has been paid.
5. On the first occasion application is made by or on behalf of a company or other incorporated body for it to be registered as proprietor of an interest, a copy of the certificate of incorporation certified by the Registrar of Companies or other evidence of incorporation satisfactory to the Director of Land Records must be produced.
6. In the case of application by more than one person a single address for communication should be entered in section 7 of the form.

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LR. Form 2

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LOI No 4 DE 1983 SUR LES BAUX FONCIERS**

**APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF A REGISTER OR FILED DOCUMENT  
DEMANDE D'UNE COPIE CERTIFIEE D'UN REGISTRE OU D'UN DOCUMENT  
CLASSE**

(Section 20)

TITLE No .....

TITRE No .....

TO: The Director of Land Records

AU: Conservateur de l'Enregistrement et des Hypothèques

Please supply a certified copy of

- \*(a) the register in \*English/\*French in respect of the lease comprised in the above-mentioned title;
- \*(b) the register in \*English/\*French in respect of the sublease comprised in the above-mentioned title and dated the ..... day of ..... 20.....
- \*(c) the following registered instrument/document (\*English/\*French version) affecting the above-mentioned title.

Prière de délivrer une copie certifiée

- \*(a) du registre en \*anglais/\*français relatif au bail compris dans le titre ci-dessus mentionné

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\*(b) du registre en \*anglais/\* français relatif au sous-bail compris dans le titre ci-dessus mentionnd et daté le ..... 20 .....

\*(c) de l'instrument/document en registrd suivant (\*anglais/\*français) affectant le titre ci-dessus mentionné.

Please date and sign  
Prière de dater et signer

DATED at ..... this ..... day of ..... 20 .....

FAIT à ..... le ..... 20 .....

Signature of Applicant  
Name  
Address

Signature du demandeur  
Nom  
Adresse

*\*Delete whichever is inapplicable.*

*\*Rayer la mention inutile*

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APPLICATION FOR STAY OF REGISTRATION

(Section 28)

TITLE No .....

TO: The Director of Land Records

I/We (full name(s))

of (address(es) in Vanuatu)

propose to deal with (full name(s))

the registered proprietor(s) of the following interest in the above-mentioned title, namely:

particulars of the said dealing being as follows:

*(set out here details of the proposed dealing: it is necessary to show that the dealing is for value)*

and with the consent of the registered proprietor(s) (as is hereby evidenced by his/her/their execution hereof) HEREBY APPLY for a stay of registration of any instrument affecting the above-described interest for a period of 2 months.

DATED at ..... this ..... day of ..... 20 .....

\*Signed by the above-named applicant(s) in the presence of:

Signature of witness .....

Name of witness .....

Address .....

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\*Signed by the above-named registered proprietor(s) in the presence of:

Signature of witness .....

Name of witness .....

Address .....

*\*In the case of execution by a corporation substitute in this part the usual form of words recording the due affixing of this seal.*

**ORDER BY DIRECTOR**

The land register showing the above-named registered proprietor(s) to be free to deal with his/her/their interest, I do hereby certify that he is/she is/they are so free and stay registration of any instrument affecting the above interest for 2 months from today.

Registered at ..... hours this ..... day of ..... 20 .....

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director of Land Records

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LEASE

(Sections 31 and 35)

CLASS .....

TITLE No .....

(Please read notes in the margin and on the last page before completing this form).

LESSOR(S)

Full name(s)  
description(s)  
and address(es)  
in Vanuatu

LESSEE(S)

Full name(s)  
description(s)  
and address(es)  
in Vanuatu

Delete this paragraph if  
inapplicable

1. The Lessor(s) has/have received from the Lessee(s) the sum of *(amount in words and figures)* ..... (VT ..... ) for the grant of this Lease.

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*\*Delete whichever  
asterisked phrase if  
inapplicable*

2. The Lessor(s) lease(s) to the Lessee(s) the land-  
\*comprised in the above-mentioned title\*

OR

\*shown edged green in the attached plan certified  
by the Director of Surveys and signed by the  
persons signing this instrument\* for the term of  
..... years commencing on the  
..... day of ..... 20 .....

*\*Delete as appropriate*

3. The Lessee(s) shall pay to the Lessor(s) the  
\*yearly/\*quarterly/\*monthly rent of (*amount in  
words and figures*) ..... (VT  
.....) reviewable in accordance with the  
provisions of the Act and payable on the  
..... (*date(s) rent is to be paid*).

4. This Lease is granted subject to the provisions of  
the Land Leases Act and of any Rule relating to  
leases made thereunder and to those agreements and  
conditions specified in the Schedule hereto.

*Delete if Lessee is a single  
person or corporation.  
If paragraph is not deleted,  
delete whichever asterisked  
phrase is inapplicable.*

5. The Lessees holds this Lease as \*joint proprietors/  
\*proprietors in common in the following  
undivided shares: -

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(The purpose and use for which the land is leased and the development conditions, if any, in addition to those set out in any Rule under the Act, MUST be set out below).

Dated at ..... this ..... day of ..... 20 .....

Signed by the Lessor(s)

in the presence of

Signature of witness .....

Name of witness .....

Address .....

I certify that the above-named .....

..... appeared before me at ..... this ..... day

of ..... 20..... \*being identified to me by .....

..... \*(or) being-personally known to me and that \*he/\*she/\*they

freely and voluntarily signed and appeared fully to understand this instrument.

*\*Delete the underlined alternatives inapplicable*

.....  
Signature, name, description and seal/stamp of office of person completing certificate.

Signed by the Lessee(s)

In the presence of .....

Signature of witness

Name of witness .....

Address .....

I certify that the above-named ..... appeared before me

at ..... this ..... day of ..... 20..... \*being identified

to me by ..... of .....

..... \*(or)

being personally known to me and that \*he/\*she/\*they freely and voluntarily signed and

appeared fully to understand this instrument.

*\*Delete the underlined alternatives inapplicable*

.....  
Signature, name, description and seal/stamp of office of person completing certificate.



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NOTES

1. *Alterations.* Do not rub out or write over any words. If you have made a mistake draw one line through it (so that it can still be read) and write or type clearly above it the new words. Everyone who signs the instrument should also sign again at the side near the alteration.
2. *Signing.* Both parties to the instrument must sign. If a party consists of more than one person and they cannot get to a person authorised to complete the verification certificate at the same time or place it will be necessary for separate verification certificates to be prepared, completed and attached to this instrument. In such cases the persons completing the separate certificates should also sign at the end of the instrument. Persons authorised to complete verification certificates in Vanuatu include Secretaries to Local Government Councils, Magistrates, Barristers, Solicitors, Notaries Public, Commissioners for Oaths and Managers of Banks. A full list is contained in the Act.
3. *Execution by corporations.* The form should be changed by crossing out the words "Signed by etc. . . ." and substituting the usual form of words recording the affixing of the corporation's seal. No verification is required.

Approved this ..... day of ..... 20.....

.....  
Minister responsible for Lands.

REGISTERED at ..... hours this ..... day of  
..... 20.....

.....  
Director of Land Records

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SUBLEASE

(Section 48)

CLASS .....

TITLE No .....

(Please read the notes in the margin and on the last page before completing this form).

SUBLESSOR(S)

Full name(s)

Full name(s)  
description(s)  
and address(es)  
in Vanuatu

SUBLESSEE(S)

Delete this paragraph if  
inapplicable

1. The Sublessor(s) has/have received from the Sublessee(s) the sum of (amount in words and figures) ..... (VT ..... ) for the grant of this Sublease.

\*Delete as appropriate

2. The Sublessor(s) sublease(s) to the Sublessee(s) \*the land comprised in the above-mentioned title/\*that part of the land comprised in the above-mentioned title shown on the attached plan no. .... certified by the Director of Surveys and signed by the persons signing this instrument for the term of ..... years commencing on the ..... day of ..... 20.....

\*Delete as appropriate

3. The Sublessee(s) shall pay to the Sublessor(s) the \*yearly/\*quarterly/\*monthly rent of (amount in words and figures) ..... (VT ..... ) reviewable in accordance with the provisions of the Act and payable on the ..... (date(s) rent is to be paid).

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4. This Sublease is granted subject to the provisions of the Land Leases Act and of any Rule relating to subleases made thereunder and to those agreements and conditions specified in the Schedule hereto.

Delete if sublessee is a single person or corporation. If the paragraph is not deleted, delete whichever asterisked phrase is inapplicable.

5. The Sublessee(s) hold this Sublease as \*joint proprietors/\*proprietors in common in the following undivided shares: -

SCHEDULE

(The purpose and use for which the land is leased and the development conditions, if any, in addition to those set out in any Rule under the Act, MUST be set out below).

Dated at ..... this ..... day of ..... 20.....

Signed by the Sublessor(s)

In the presence of etc....

Signed by the Sublessee(s)

In the presence of etc ....

NOTES (as on LR. Form 4).

REGISTERED at ..... hours this ..... day of ..... 20.....

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VARIATION OF CONDITIONS OF A LEASE/SUBLEASE

(Section 47)

TITLE No .....

**(Please read the notes on back page before completing this form).**

1. The agreements and conditions contained or implied in the Lease/ Sublease of the land comprised in the above-mentioned title dated the ..... day of ..... 20..... are HEREBY VARIED as shown in the Schedule to this instrument.

SCHEDULE

2. The date of effect of this variation is the ..... day of ..... 20.....
3. In this instrument:
  - (1) in the case of a variation of conditions of a lease, the expression "the Lessor(s)" means the person(s) who granted the Lease or his/their successor(s) in title who shall be named as such and the expression "the Lessee(s)" means the person(s) for the time being registered as the proprietor(s) of the Lease;
  - (2) in the case of a variation of conditions of a Sublease, the expression "the Sublessor(s)" means the person(s) for the time being registered as the proprietor(s) of the interest out of which the Sublease was granted and the expression "the Sublessee(s)" means the person(s) for the time being registered as the proprietor(s) of the Sublease.

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Dated at ..... this ..... day of ..... 20.....

Signed by the Lessor(s)/Sublessor(s)

In the presence of etc....

Signed by the Lessee(s)/Sublessee(s)

In the presence of etc ....

**NOTES** (as on LR. Form 4).

REGISTERED at ..... hours this ..... day of ..... 20.....

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SURRENDER OF LEASE/SUBLEASE

(Section 49)

TITLE No .....

(Please read the notes in the margin and on back page before completing this form).

1. We (full name(s))

*\*Delete the underlined words if inapplicable*

\*In consideration of the sum of (amount in words and ..... (VT .....)) paid to me/us by the Lessor(s)/Sublessor(s) the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged

HEREBY SURRENDER

the Lease/Sublease comprised in the above-mentioned title and dated the ..... day of ..... 20.....

2. I/We (full name(s))

being the Lessor(s)/Sublessor(s) hereby accept(s) this Surrender.

3. In this instrument:

(1) in the case of a surrender of a Lease, the expression "the Lessor(s)" means the person(s) who granted the Lease or his/their successor(s) in title who shall be named as such and the expression "the Lessee(s)" means the person(s) for the time being registered as the proprietor(s) of the Lease;

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- (2) in the case of a surrender of a Sublease, the expression "the Sublessor(s)" means the person(s) for the time being registered as the proprietor(s) of the interest out of which the Sublease was granted and the expression "the Sublessee(s)" means the person(s) for the time being registered as the proprietor(s) of the Sublease.

DATED at ..... this ..... day of ..... 20.....

Signed by the Lessee(s)/Sublessee(s)

In the presence of etc....

Signed by the Lessor(s)/Sublessor(s)

In the presence of etc....

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**CONSENT**

I/We (full name(s))

being registered as mortgagee(s)/sublessee(s) of the Lease/Sublease of the land comprised in the above-mentioned title

**HEREBY CONSENT TO THIS SURRENDER**

Signed by the said

In the presence of etc ....

**NOTES** (as on LR. Form 4).

REGISTERED at ..... hours this ..... day of ..... 20.....

.....  
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MORTGAGE

(Section 51)

TITLE NO .....

(Please read notes in the margin and on back page before completing this form).

MORTGAGOR(S) (full name(s))

being registered as the proprietor(s) of (a) lease(s)/sublease(s) of the land comprised in the above-mentioned titles.

MORTGAGEE(S) (full name(s) and address(es) in Vanuatu)

- 1. The Mortgagor(s) hereby acknowledge(s) the receipt from the Mortgagee(s) of a loan of (amount in words and figures) ..... (VT .....

Delete whichever alternative is inapplicable

\*OR

The Mortgagee(s) has/have agreed to make certain advances on the current account of the Mortgagor(s) up to a limit of (amount in words and figures) ..... (VT .....

- 2. The Mortgagor(s) HEREBY COVENANT(S) with the Mortgagee(s) in the manner set out in the First Schedule hereto.
3. To secure to the Mortgagee(s) the repayment of the loan/advances and the payment of interest thereon in the manner and at the rate set out in the First Schedule hereto, the Mortgagor(s) HEREBY MORTGAGE(S) its/his/her/their interest in the above-mentioned title(s), subject to the provisions of the Act except as far as these may be modified in this Instrument.

\*Delete this clause if inapplicable

- 4. \*The Mortgagee(s) HEREBY COVENANT(S) with the Mortgagor(s) in the manner set out in the Second Schedule hereto.



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*\*Delete if mortgagee is a single person or corporation. If the clause is not deleted, delete the asterisked phrase inapplicable.*

5. The Mortgagees declare that they hold this mortgage as \*joint proprietors/\*proprietors in common in the following undivided shares: -

FIRST SCHEDULE

SECOND SCHEDULE

DATED at ..... this ..... day of ..... 20.....

NOTE-RULE UP ALL BLANK SPACES BEFORE SIGNING

Signed by the Mortgagor(s) }

In the presence of etc.... }

Signed by the Mortgagee(s) }

In the presence of etc ....

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REGISTERED at ..... hours this ..... day of ..... 20.....

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VARIATION OF TERMS OF MORTGAGE

(Section 54)

TITLE No .....

(Please read the notes on back page before completing this form).

1. The terms of the Mortgage dated the ..... day of ..... 20..... and made between (full name(s)) ..... and (full name(s)) ..... mortgaging the: *(give details of registered interest(s) in the above-mentioned title(s) which is/are the subject of the mortgage).* are from the ..... day of ..... 20.....

HEREBY VARIED as follows: ..... (set out below details of variation of terms).

2. In the instrument the expression "the mortgagor(s)" means the person(s) registered for the time being as the proprietor(s) of the interest mortgaged and the expression "the mortgagee(s)" means the person(s) registered for the time being as proprietor(s) of the mortgage, by and under the mortgage described in clause 1.

DATED at ..... this ..... day of ..... 20.....

Signed by the Mortgagor(s) }

In the presence of etc.... }

Signed by the Mortgagee(s) }

In the presence of etc....

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**CONSENT**

*(to be completed if appropriate)*

I/We *(full name(s))*

being registered as mortgagee(s) by a subsequent mortgage of the interest(s) described in clause 1 of this instrument HEREBY CONSENT(S) to this INSTRUMENT OF VARIATION.

DATED at ..... this ..... day of ..... 20 .....

Signed by the said

In the presence of etc ....

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DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE

(Section 55)

TITLE No(s) .....

(Please read the notes on back page before completing this form).

I/We (full name(s))

being registered as the proprietor(s) of the Mortgage of: - (give details of the interest(s) in the above-mentioned title(s) which is/are the subject of the Mortgage).

created by an instrument dated the ..... day of ..... 20.....

HEREBY DISCHARGE the said mortgage wholly/in relation to (if discharge is total, delete "in relation to": if not, delete "wholly" and give details below of the interest(s) and titles which are discharged).

DATED at ..... this ..... day of ..... 20.....

Signed by the Mortgagee(s) }

In the presence of etc .....

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TRANSFER OF LEASE/SUBLEASE

(Section 60)

TITLE No .....

(Please read the notes in the margin and on back page before completing this form).

TRANSFEROR(S) (full name(s))

TRANSFeree(S) (full name(s) and address(es) in Vanuatu)

1. The Transferor(s) has/have received from the Transferee(s) the sum of (*amount in words and figures*) ..... (VT ..... ) being the consideration for this Transfer.
2. The Transferor(s) HEREBY TRANSFER(S) to the Transferee(s) the registered lease/sublease dated the ..... day of ..... 20..... of the land comprised in the above-mentioned title, subject to the provisions of the Act unless these are varied in this Instrument.

(a) Delete this clause if inapplicable 3.

(a) This Transfer is also subject to the agreements and reservations set out in the First Schedule to this Instrument.

(b) Delete this clause if inapplicable 4.

(b) The rights and easements set out in the Second Schedule to this Instrument are included in this Transfer.

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- (c) *Delete if consideration in clause 1 represents full value* 5. (c) The value of the interest transferred is hereby declared to be (*amount in words and figures*) ..... (VT .....
- (d) *Delete if transferee is a single person or corporation. If the clause is not deleted, delete the asterisked phrase inapplicable.* 6. (d) The Transferees hold the interest as \*joint proprietors/\*proprietors in common in the following undivided shares:

FIRST SCHEDULE

(Rule a line across this space if inapplicable)

SECOND SCHEDULE

(Rule a line across this space if inapplicable)

DATED at ..... this ..... day of ..... 20.....

Signed by the Transferor(s) }

In the presence of etc.... }

Signed by the Transferee(s) }

In the presence of etc....

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TRANSFER OF A MORTGAGE

(Section 60)

TITLE No(s) .....

(Please read the notes in the margin and on back page before completing this form).

TRANSFEROR(S) (full name(s))

TRANSFeree(S) (full name(s) and address(es) in Vanuatu)

1. The Transferor(s) in consideration of the sum of (*amount in words and figures*) ..... (VT.....) the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, HEREBY TRANSFER(S) to the Transferee(s) the mortgage shown as entry number(s)..... in the encumbrances section(s) of the register(s) in respect of the Lease(s)/Sublease(s) of the land comprised in the above-mentioned title(s) under and subject to the provision of the Act.
2. The Transferor(s) hereby declare(s) that the amount of principal and interest owing by the mortgagor(s) at the date hereof is (*amount in words and figures*) ..... (VT .....
3. The Transferee(s) declare(s) that they hold the said mortgage as \*joint proprietors/\*proprietors in common in the following undivided shares: -

*\*Delete if transferee is a single person or corporation. If the clause is not deleted, delete the asterisked phrase inapplicable.*

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- 4. In this instrument the expression "the mortgagor(s)" means the person(s) for the time being registered as the proprietor of the interest(s) subject to the mortgage described in clause 1.

DATED at ..... this ..... day of ..... 20.....

Signed by the Transferor(s) }

In the presence of etc.... }

Signed by the Transferee(s) }

In the presence of etc....

*\*Delete this clause if transferee does not require mortgagor to acknowledge.*

*\*I/We (full name(s))*

the Mortgagor(s) hereby acknowledge(s) that the amount declared in clause 2 of this instrument is the amount due and owing by me/us.

Signed by the Mortgagor(s)

In the presence of etc ....

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REGISTERED at ..... hours this ..... day of ..... 20....

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GRANT OF EASEMENT

(Section 67)

TITLE No .....  
(of the land burdened)

(Please read the notes in the margin and on back page before completing this form).

GRANTOR(S) (full name(s))

GRANTEE(S) (full name(s))

1. The Grantor(s) is/are registered as the proprietor(s) of the lease/a sublease of the land comprised in the above-mentioned title.
2. The Grantee(s) is/are registered as the proprietor(s) of the lease/a sublease of the land comprised in Title No. ....
3. The Grantor(s) acknowledge(s) the receipt from the Grantee(s) of the sum of (*amount in words and figures*) ..... (VT ..... ) being the consideration for this Grant.

*\*Specify the nature of the easement and the conditions affecting its enjoyment. The particular part of the land burdened must be described and the Director may require a plan adequate to define the easement.*

4. The Grantor(s) HEREBY GRANT(S) to the Grantee(s) the following easement, as appurtenant to the land described in clause 2 above, to be enjoyed for the period of ..... years ..... from the ..... day of part of ..... 20.....

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DATED at ..... this ..... day of ..... 20.....

Signed by the Grantor(s)     }

In the presence of etc....     }

Signed by the Grantee(s)     }

In the presence of etc ....

**NOTES** (as on LR. Form 4).

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..... 20.....

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GRANT OF PROFIT

(Section 69)

TITLE No .....  
(of the land burdened)

(Please read the notes in the margin and on back page before completing this form).

GRANTOR(S) (full name(s))

GRANTEE(S) (full name(s))

1. The Grantor(s) is/are registered as the proprietor(s) of the lease/a sublease of the land comprised in the above-mentioned title.
2. The Grantor(s) acknowledge(s) the receipt from the Grantee(s) of the sum of (*amount in words and figures*) ..... (VT .....) being the consideration for this Grant.
3. The Grantor(s) HEREBY GRANT(S) to the Grantee(s) the profit in the land comprised in the above-mentioned title described in the Schedule hereto, to be enjoyed for the period of ..... years from the ..... day of ..... 20.....
4. The profit is to be enjoyed \*in gross/\*as appurtenant to the land comprised in the lease/a sublease of the land comprised in title No. .... of which the Grantee(s)is/are the registered proprietor(s).

*\*Delete whichever of the phrases underlined is inapplicable.*

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*\*Delete this clause if the profit is appurtenant to other land or the Grantee is a single individual or corporation. If the clause is not deleted, delete the asterisked phrase which is inapplicable.*

5. The Grantees declare that they hold the profit as \*joint proprietors/\*proprietors in common in the following undivided shares:

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*In setting out details of the profit it is necessary to –*

- (1) state whether the rights are to be exercised exclusively by the Grantee or in common with the Grantor;*
- (2) specify the manner and means of entry on the land if any restrictions are intended;*
- (3) specify any other conditions the parties have agreed on; and*
- (4) express the consideration if this takes the form of rent, royalties or the like.*

Dated at ..... this ..... day of ..... 20 .....

Signed by the Grantor(s) }

In the presence of etc....

Signed by the Grantee(s) }

In the presence of etc ....

NOTES (as on LR. Form 4).

REGISTERED at ..... hours this ..... day of ..... 20.....

.....  
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RELEASE OF EASEMENT/RESTRICTIVE AGREEMENT/PROFIT  
(Section 70)

TITLE No .....

(Please read the notes in the margin and on back page before completing this form).

I/We (full name(s))

*\*Delete whichever is  
inapplicable*

being the person(s) now entitled to the benefit of the  
easement\*/ restrictive agreement\*/profit\* shown as entry  
number ..... in the encumbrances section of the register  
in respect of the \*lease/\*sublease of the land comprised in  
the above-mentioned title HEREBY RELEASE the said  
\*easement/\*restrictive agreement/\*profit.

Dated at ..... this ..... day of ..... 20.....

Signed by the said }

In the presence of etc ....

NOTES (as on LR. Form 4).

REGISTERED at ..... hours this ..... day of ..... 20.....

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

(Section 82)

TITLE No(s) .....

**(Please read notes on back page before completing this form).**

I/The *(full name of individual or corporation)*

of *(address in Vanuatu)*

HEREBY APPOINT(S) *(full name of individual or corporation)*

of *(address in Vanuatu)*

to be my/its attorney and generally in relation to my/its interest in the above-mentioned title(s) to do anything and everything that I myself/the said ..... could do and for me/it and in my/its name to execute all such instruments and do all such acts, matters and things as may be necessary or expedient for the carrying out of the powers hereby given. *(If the power is to be limited to particular acts only, delete everything after the words attorney above and set out below what powers are to be conferred.)*

Dated at ..... this ..... day of ..... 20 .....

Signed by the donor }

In the presence of etc .... }

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NOTES (1 and 3 as on LR. Form 4).

2. *Verification certificate.* Persons authorised to complete the verification certificate in Vanuatu include Secretaries to Local Government Councils, Magistrates, Barristers, Solicitors, Notaries Public, Commissioners for Oaths, and Managers of Banks. A full list is contained in the Act.

REGISTERED at ..... hours this ..... day of ..... 20.....

.....  
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NOTICE OF REVOCATION OF A POWER OF ATTORNEY  
(Section 82)

TITLE No(s) .....

**(Please read notes on back page before completing this form).**

I/The *(full name of individual or corporation)*

of *(address)*

HEREBY GIVE(S) NOTICE that the Power of Attorney dated the ..... day of ..... 20 .....  
(Registered Power of Attorney number .....) and granted  
by me/it to *(full name)* ..... of  
*(address in Vanuatu)* ..... has  
been revoked by me/it.

DATED at ..... this ..... day of ..... 20.....

Signed by the donor }

In the presence of etc .... }

NOTES (as on LR. Form 16)

REGISTERED at ..... hours this ..... day of ..... 20.....

.....  
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APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSMISSION

(Section 84)

TITLE No .....

(Please read notes in the margin and on back page before completing this form).

1. (Give full name of deceased) .....
was, at the date of his/her death registered as the
proprietor of (give details of registered interest in
the above-mentioned title held by deceased)
.....
.....
.....

2. I/We (full name(s))
of (address(es) in Vanuatu)
am/are the personal representatives of the said
deceased.

3. Annexed to this application is the -

\*Delete as appropriate

- \*(a) grant of probate of the will of the deceased;
or
\*(b) grant of letters of administration of the
estate of the deceased; or
\*(c) order of the Supreme Court-together with a
copy thereof.

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4. I/WE hereby require you to register me/us by transmission as the proprietor(s), as personal representative(s), of the interest described in clause 1 above.

*\*Delete whichever alternative is inapplicable.*

\*OR

*\*Delete whichever alternatives are inapplicable.*

I/We hereby require you to register the accompanying instrument of are transfer made by me/us in favour of (full name(s) and address(es) in Vanuatu), as proprietor\*/joint proprietors\*/proprietors in common\* of the interest described in clause 1 above. The proprietors in common are to hold in the following shares (Delete if inapplicable).

DATED at ..... this ..... day of ..... 20.....

Signed by the personal representative(s) }

In the presence of etc....

NOTES

1. *Alterations.* Do not rub out or write over any words. If you have made a mistake draw one line through it (so that it can still be read) and write or type clearly above it the new words. Everyone who signs the instrument should also sign again at the side near to the alteration.
2. *Signing.* If there is more than one personal representative and they cannot get to a person authorised to complete the verification certificate at the same time or place, it will be necessary for separate verification certificates to be prepared, completed and attached to this instrument. In such cases the persons completing the separate certificates should also sign at the end of the instrument. Persons authorised to complete verification certificates in Vanuatu include Secretaries to Local Government Councils, Magistrates, Barristers, Solicitors, Notaries Public, Commissioners for Oaths, and Managers of Banks. A full list is contained in the Act.

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.....  
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CAUTION  
(Section 93)

TITLE No .....

To: Director of Land Records

*\*Delete such of the words  
underlined as are inapplicable.*

TAKE NOTICE that I/We (*full name(s)*)

of (*address(es) in Vanuatu*)

claiming in respect of the above-mentioned title  
(state by reference to the appropriate subsection in  
the Act the grounds on which the claim is founded  
and the nature of the interest claimed).

HEREBY FORBID the registration without  
my\*/our\* written consent of any person as  
transferee of\*/any dealing or instrument affecting\*  
that interest unless the conditions in the Schedule  
hereto have been fulfilled\*, until this caution is  
withdrawn by me\*/us\* or is otherwise removed or  
lapses in accordance with the Act.

I/We APPOINT (*specify address in Vanuatu at  
which notice relating to caution or proceeding in  
respect thereof may be served on the cautioner*)

as the place at which notices and proceeding  
relating to this caution may be addressed to or  
served upon me\*/us\*.

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SCHEDULE

DATED at ..... this ..... day of ..... 20 .....

\*\*Signed by the above-named }  
Cautioner(s) in the presence of }

Signature of witness

Name of witness

Address

*\*\*In the case of a corporation, substitute in this part the usual form of words recording the affixing of its seal.*

REGISTERED at ..... hours this ..... day of ..... 20.....

.....  
Director of Land Records

WARNING: "Any person lodging any caution with the Director or allowing any caution to remain without reasonable cause shall be liable to pay such compensation as the Court thinks just to any person who sustains damage or who has incurred costs or expenses thereby". (section 97(5) of Land Leases Act Cap. 163).

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CONSENT

(Sections 36, 41(h), 48(2), 56(1)(c) and 57)

(Please read notes in the margin and on back page before completing this form).

TITLE No .....

I/We (*full name(s)*)

being registered as lessor(s)/sublessor(s) of the land comprised in the above-mentioned title

\*OR

*\*Delete whichever alternatives are inapplicable.*

being registered as the mortgagee(s) of the lease/sublease of the land comprised in the above-mentioned title

*Here give details of dealings to which consent is given including names of parties.*

HEREBY CONSENT to the registration of

DATED at ..... this ..... day of ..... 20.....

Signed by the giver(s) of the consent in the presence of etc.

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LOI NO. 4 DE 1983 SUR LES BAUX FONCIERS**

**APPLICATION FOR INSPECTION OF A REGISTER  
DEMANDE DE CONSULTATION D'UN REGISTRE  
(Section 19)**

TITLE No(s)  
TITRE(S) No

To: Director of Land Records  
Au: Directeur de L'Enregistrement et des Hypothèques

I/Je soussigné.....  
(full names) (nom et prénoms)

of

résidant à .....  
.....  
(address) (adresse)

hereby apply to inspect the register relating to the land comprised in the above-mentioned title number(s)

demande à consulter le registre afférant au fonds de terre objet (des) titre(s) No.

I enclose VT ..... in respect of the fee(s) payable.

Veillez trouver ci-joint la somme de VT ..... en règlement des droits éligibles.

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DATED at ..... this ..... day of ..... 20....

FAIT à ..... le ..... 20.....

Signature of applicant  
Signature du demandeur .....

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