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Commencement of the Companies (Winding up and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Ordinance 2016

This circular is to announce the commencement of the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Ordinance 2016 ("the Amendment Ordinance") and the revision of four specified forms which are used in relation to the winding up of a company under the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Cap. 32) ("the Ordinance").

Commencement of the Amendment Ordinance

2. Pursuant to the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Ordinance 2016 (Commencement) Notice 2016, the Amendment Ordinance will come into operation on 13 February 2017¹.

Revision of Specified Forms

3. To facilitate the commencement of the operation of the Amendment Ordinance, the Registrar of Companies ("the Registrar") has, in exercise of the power under section 2A of the Ordinance, specified and published the following revised forms in the Gazette (G.N.180) on 13 January 2017:

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¹ With the exception of Division 7 of Part 8 of the Amendment Ordinance (which relates to amendments to the heading of Division 2 of Part 8 of the Amendment Ordinance and the headings of certain sections in that Division).

Form <u>Number</u>	Name of Form	Relevant Section of the Ordinance
NW2	Statement of Voluntary Winding Up under Special Procedure in Case of Inability to Continue Business	228A(1B)
NW3	Notice of Appointment of Liquidator or Provisional Liquidator	195(a), 228A(10), 253(1)(b)
NW4	Notice of Change in Particulars of Liquidator or Provisional Liquidator	228A(12), 253(3)
NW5	Notice of Cessation to Act as Liquidator or Provisional Liquidator	228A(11)(b), 253(2)(b)

4. The revised forms can be downloaded from the "Forms" > "Specified Forms" section of the Companies Registry's website at www.cr.gov.hk. Hard copies of the forms are also available for purchase at the Registry's office on the 14th floor of the Queensway Government Offices, 66 Queensway, Hong Kong.

Transitional Arrangements

- 5. As from 13 February 2017 ("the Commencement Date"), the Companies Registry will only accept the revised Form NW2 for registration, given that Form NW2 has been substantively revised. <u>If a winding-up statement has been made using the existing Form NW2 before the Commencement Date</u>, the form must be delivered to the Registry for registration before the Commencement Date.
- 6. To allow for depletion of existing stock, and as the revisions are mainly made in the Notes of Completion of the relevant forms, the Registry will continue to accept existing Forms NW3, NW4 and NW5 for registration for a period of 3 months.

Enquiries

7. Enquiries concerning this circular should be directed to Mr Wren WU, Assistant Registry Manager (Charges and Liquidation), at (852) 2867 4565/wrenwu@cr.gov.hk.

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