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**SPEECH BY MR GOH KIM LEONG,  
PERMANENT SECRETARY (LAW),  
at THE CONTRACT SIGNING CEREMONY  
for the DEVELOPMENT OF THE INTEGRATED LAND INFORMATION  
SERVICES ON INTERNET  
(05 May 1998, 2.30 pm)**

Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. It gives me great pleasure to be here at today's signing of the contract for the development of MinLaw's Integrated Land Information Services on the Internet.

*Providing Convenient Access to MinLaw Services*

2 We, at MinLaw, are continually looking for ways to make our services more accessible and convenient to the public. For example, our computerised search process for trade marks enables the public to find trade marks in minutes, a tiny fraction of the one of two days required previously for manual search. Lawyers can now do searches of land titles for private properties in 20 districts covering 50% of the registered titles without leaving their offices. All they need to do is dial up via remote on-line access to the STARS Public Search System. By the year 2001, this service will be available for registered titles in all the districts. Similarly, our Insolvency Office offers convenient computerised searches of bankrupts and wound up companies.

### Internet and Singapore One

3 With the advancement in information and communication technologies, we see many more opportunities of providing even better services to the public. For example, we can integrate our services to provide the public with one stop access in the convenience of their offices or homes. The quality of these services will be enhanced by the development of Singapore One, a high-speed broadband network linking homes, businesses and schools throughout Singapore. Cash-less transactions are now easier because of the electronic commerce infrastructure put in place by the National Computer Board and NETS.

### INLIS (Integrated Land Information Services)

4 The Integrated Land Information Services (INLIS) on Internet is an example of an opportunity for MinLaw to serve the public better. Phase I of INLIS will provide a **one-stop access to land information from the Registry of Titles & Deeds, Survey Department and the Land Office**. INLIS will extract and integrate information from these departments for delivery to the public via Internet or Singapore One.

5 **INLIS will be made available to the public by end-September 1998.** Lawyers, developers, property agents, valuers, architects, land surveyors, banks and other financial institutions, and members of the public, like home buyers and investors, would be able to use **INLIS to access integrated information on a piece of property.** The information, in the

form of either maps or text or both, **would include location of the property, its boundaries, its title information and its last transacted price.** All these will be accessible to the enquirers from the convenience of their offices or homes.

6 We are working on this project with:

- the National Computer Board which will provide the technical advice in the areas of Geographical Information Systems (GIS), electronic commerce and Government network infrastructure, and
- National Computer System (NCS) Pte Ltd who will develop the first phase of the INLIS project.

7 I am told that INLIS will be the **first system** of its kind in South East Asia to **integrate GIS technology with electronic commerce technology.**

#### Next Phase of INLIS

8 The Ministry will continue to use Information technology to deliver more and better services on-line to our customers. For example, in the **next phase of INLIS**, MinLaw will provide **land sales information.** Property developers, valuers and members of the public will be able to view, via remote on-line access, map-based information of the property being put up for sales. This includes the locality of the property, the amenities, such as schools and MRT stations, within the vicinity and the geographical display of last transacted prices of surrounding properties.

#### Concluding Remark

9 The Ministry is committed to the continuous improvement of our services to the public. Working closely with the National Computer Board, we will constantly review our services and use information technology to provide better services. In the pipeline are plans to put the insolvency and trademark search systems on the Internet as well as the development of systems for trust, motor accident and patent application systems.

10 INLIS is initially an integration of information from three MinLaw departments. We

are discussing with other ministries a proposal to integrate land information from them as well. This integration would provide the public with convenient and seamless one-stop access to multi-Ministry information.

11 Ladies and Gentlemen, INLIS marks a milestone in our on-going journey to improve and enhance our services to the public. With your support, MinLaw would be able to provide good, useful and convenient services to the public.

12 Thank you.