



## REGISTRY OF CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES

Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports

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**CONFIDENTIAL**

Board of Directors  
**TRC Multi-Purpose Co-operative Limited**  
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### **TRC MULTI-PURPOSE CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED ('TRC CO-OP') DISPUTE**

I refer to the Registrar's letter to you dated 6 Dec 2010 regarding the mediation arrangements.

#### Mediation

2. The Registry had arranged for a mediation panel (comprising Mr Chelva R Rajah SC and Mr S Rajendran) to help TRC Co-op's Board of Directors ('BOD') resolve the dispute arising from the Annual General Meeting ('AGM') held on 24 Jul 2010. The 2 representatives (Mr R A Nathan and Dr R Theyvendran) met with the mediation panel collectively and individually from Dec 2010 to Feb 2010.

3. In the opinion of the panel, the representatives' respective positions are very far apart and there is no indication that the parties are willing to come to a mediated settlement. The panel is of the opinion that the mediation process should be brought to an end. The Registry has noted the views of the panel. We are disappointed that the parties were unable to amicably resolve the dispute. You are hereby notified that the mediation has ended.

#### Registry's Position

4. Both parties have asked the Registry for its decision on various issues in the dispute. The Registry's position on the pertinent issues is as follows:

(a) Removal of Elected Director by Tamils Representative Council ('TRC') - We note that TRC is not an institutional member of TRC Co-op. We also note that both TRC Co-op and the TRC are legal entities separately incorporated under different legislation. Reading TRC Co-op's by-laws 6.1 and 6.4.1(d) together, it is clear that **TRC may remove only those directors whom it appointed (which is limited to three).**

(b) Request to declare the AGM on 24 Jul 2010 null and void - As the resolutions passed at the AGM on 24 Jul 2010 and the election of 4

directors did not fall outside the objects of TRC Co-op as defined in its by-laws, the Registry cannot rescind the resolutions or declare the AGM null and void. The Registry will proceed to review TRC Co-op's application for the registration of its by-law amendments that were approved by the members present and voting at the 24 Jul 2010 AGM.

Annual General Meeting


5. In accordance with section 53(1) of the Co-operative Societies Act ('Act'), the BOD of TRC Co-op should convene an AGM "*as soon as practicable, but not later than 6 months after the end of the financial year*". The BOD is also reminded to comply with the requirements relating to the conduct of general meetings.

Yours sincerely



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