

Registered Agent and Accredited Investors

REGISTERED AGENT:

Banks situated outside of Singapore when they want to lend money to a company in Singapore would like to have a representative of the company in the country in which they lend the money. The representative is called the registered agent/ process agent of the company.

Usually lawyers are appointed as registered agents / process agent to act on behalf of the company.

For an example, if the Singapore Company borrows money from a Hong Kong bank, the company has to appoint a registered agent at Hong Kong to represent the Singapore Company.

INDIVIDUAL - ACCREDITED INVESTORS:

The securities and future act and the financial advisors act have defined an accredited investor.

The following is the definition for an accredited investor on an individual basis and not jointly

- A) Net personal assets in excess of SGD 2 Million (or equivalent in foreign currency)
OR
- B) Personal income if not less than SGD 300,000 (or equivalent in foreign currency) in the immediate preceding 12 months.

COMPANY - AN ACCREDITED INVESTOR:

A corporation with net assets exceeding \$10 million in value (or its equivalent in a foreign currency) or such other amount as the MAS may prescribe, as determined by — (i) the most recent audited balance-sheet of the corporation; or (ii) where the corporation is not required to prepare audited accounts regularly, a balance-sheet of the corporation certified by the corporation as giving a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the corporation as of the date of the balance-sheet, which date shall be within the preceding 12 months.

EXEMPT FINANCIAL ADVISORS – COMPANY:

An exempt financial advisors company under the financial advisors act should have not less than 30 clients both individual or corporate investors and they should be accredited investors.

