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Seminar

Construction Insolvency - Views from Alpine Bau's Liquidators and Lawyers

Wednesday, 19 March 2014, 5.00 - 7.30pm
Intellioffices, 146 Robinson Road, Singapore 068909

About this Seminar:-

The insolvency of Alpine Bau GmbH has been described as what could be Austria's biggest corporate collapse since World War Two. Their estimated liabilities amounted to more than 2.6 billion EURO and affected some 6,500 employees. Worldwide (excluding Austria), Alpine has branch offices in various parts of Europe, India, China and Singapore. Before its insolvency, the story of Alpine's success reflects the globalisation of business and how overseas construction companies have ventured out of their home countries, including to Singapore, to undertake construction work. We see many of them here and they come from all over the world. Many of our civil and rail contractors are overseas companies. What happens when they become insolvent?

Mr Abuthahir Abdul Gafoor will share some of the practical experience in dealing with such complex insolvencies, which often affect several sub-contractors, employees, landlord, and other stakeholders. Mr Koh Kia Jeng will touch on the unique legal challenges faced when a construction company becomes insolvent. What rights would an Employer have? How can the Employer ensure that the development suffers as little delay as possible from this traumatic event? How are sub-contractor's rights affected? He will also touch on the situation where a foreign company is involved. Where would and should a sub-contractor file its claim for work done? Both Mr Abuthahir Abdul Gafoor and Mr Koh Kia Jeng will touch on these issues.

Seminar Programme:-

5.00-5.30pm	Registrations & Networking for Delegates
5.30-5.45pm	Opening Remarks by Chairman Ms. Uma Menon – Senior Consultant (Delay Analysis and Contracts), Driver Trett
5.45-7.00pm	Construction Insolvency – Views from the Alpine Bau's Liquidators and Lawyers Mr. Abuthahir Abdul Gafoor – Executive Director, Litigation Consulting & Forensic Accounting, Stone Forest Corporate Advisory Pte Ltd Mr. Koh Kia Jeng – Partner, Litigation and Arbitration, Rodyk & Davidson LLP
7.00-7.30pm	Q&A Session

About the Speakers:-

Mr. Abuthahir Abdul Gafoor

Executive Director, Litigation Consulting and Forensic Accounting, Stone Forest Corporate Advisory Pte Ltd

Abuthahir has over 23 years of experience specialising in corporate restructuring, corporate recovery, litigation consulting, business valuations, due diligence and financial reviews. His insolvency work experience spans diverse industries including construction, automobile, commodities trading, retail and publishing. Abuthahir has also managed insolvent construction companies as well as the receivership and liquidation of a precast manufacturer. Apart from insolvency matters, he also works closely with lawyers in various forms of litigation consulting engagements, including fraud investigations, assessment of claims for damages or loss of profits, business valuations, and other forms of commercial or private disputes.

Mr. Koh Kia Jeng

Partner, Litigation and Arbitration, Rodyk & Davidson LLP

Kia Jeng has experience in a wide range of civil and commercial cases, including insurance, sale of goods, shareholders' disputes, employment, building and construction, insolvency (both domestic and cross border), the economic torts and international commercial arbitration. In his building and construction practice, he has advised contractors, owners and developers on building and construction issues and standard form contracts, and acted for them in their disputes. He has also advised and acted in adjudication applications. In his insolvency practice, he has advised creditors and liquidators on various aspects of insolvency law, including "claw back" provisions under the Companies Act, schemes of arrangement, liquidation and judicial management. He has also advised contractors when faced with a counterparty's insolvency.

About the Chairperson:-

Ms. Uma Menon

Senior Consultant (Delay Analysis and Contracts), Driver Trett

Uma Menon has over 15 years of experience in the construction and engineering sector. She has a civil engineering degree, a Masters in Management and Post Graduate Diplomas in Arbitration as well as Adjudication. Her experience ranges from project management, planning and contract administration to conducting delay analysis. Her experience covers Civil and Infrastructure works, Building works and Marine works. She is currently employed with Driver Trett and her work involves delay analysis, commercial settlement of claims as well as assisting and defending claims in disputes. Uma is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.



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Others	\$90.00

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