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I. Preamble:

- 1.1 Asia-Pacific is the fastest growing economic region, as well as the largest continental economy in the world. With the globalization of business, there has been an increasing level of cross-border disputes. Considering the need for a single organization, which could cater the requirements of cross-border business disputes, and to assist the business community to resolve their cross-border disputes under a single set of mediation or arbitration rules and with a uniform fee structure, the major ADR institutions in the Asia-Pacific region, jointly established the Asia Pacific Centre for Arbitration & Mediation (APCAM), as an international ADR institution, administering cross-border mediations and arbitrations in the respective countries.

II. APCAM Ambassadors Council (AAC):

- 2.1 The APCAM Ambassadors Council (AAC) is a Voluntary Committee constituted by the Board of Directors of APCAM, to promote an interchange of information and views among the ADR professionals, academics, users and other stakeholders, to be a focal point for the

impartial and learned consideration of issues surrounding mediation, arbitration and other ADR options and to protect the interest of ADR users, professionals, institutions and generally improving all actions in matters affecting cross-border business and dispute resolution.

III. Membership to the Council:

3.1 There shall be two (2) categories of membership in AAC – (i) Member (ii) Institutional Member.

(i) Member:

Member shall mean and include any ADR Lawyer, Arbitrator, Mediator, Academic or any person which would like to associate with the objects of APCAM, accepted by the Board or Membership Committee of APCAM and who pays an Annual Subscription of €45.00 (Forty-five Euros) or such sums as decided by the Board of Directors from time to time.

(ii) Institutional Member:

Institutional Member shall mean and include any Chamber of Commerce, Law firm, University, Lawyers Association or any institution or association, which would like to associate with the objects of APCAM, accepted by the Board or Membership Committee of APCAM and who pays an Annual Subscription of €65.00 (Sixty-five Euros) or such sums as decided by the Board of Directors from time to time.

- 3.2 Membership to the AAC shall not be by right and shall be determined by the Board of Directors or Membership Committee of APCAM. Further it shall not be a right to become a member of APCAM as per its Articles of Association.
- 3.3 The application for membership shall be made in writing to the Secretariat of APCAM (secretariat@apcam.asia) and the same shall be placed for scrutiny and approval of the Board of Directors or Membership Committee of APCAM and they shall as per the norms and at their absolute discretion decide whether such applicant is to be made a member of AAC.
- 3.4 On intimation of the approval of membership in the AAC, the applicant shall deposit the Annual Subscription with the Secretariat within (7) seven days.
- 3.5 In case of institutional member, they shall nominate the representative who shall represent the institution in the AAC.
- 3.6 A member of AAC, may be excluded from Membership of AAC by the Board of Directors of APCAM for dishonourable or unprofessional conduct of the member likely to bring APCAM or AAC into disrepute or against the interest of the APCAM or AAC, according to the opinion of the Board or Membership Committee of APCAM.

IV. Signatory to the Pledge to Mediate:

- 4.1 Recognizing that the empowerment to resolve disputes amicably and voluntarily is an

expression of civil maturity, APCAM has formulated “Pledge to Mediate” among institutions, chambers, associations, organisations, law firms, companies etc. as part of promoting best governance and speedy justice.

4.2 Institutional members can opt to be a signatory to the “Pledge to Mediate”. The pledge is cost-free and not legally binding. By signing the same, the signatory makes a public, policy statement indicating its commitment to the promotion of amicable settlement of disputes, considering mediation as a first option to resolve its disputes.

4.3 By becoming a signatory, the institutional member stand to benefit from the following vital outcomes:

(i) Expression of Corporate Governance – Declaration of a well-defined system of dispute resolution and crisis management, which would demonstrate a competent and civilised conflict management system.

(ii) Goodwill Generation – On being signatory to the Pledge, the institutional member’s name and logo will be placed in the APCAM website and an APCAM Signatory of Pledge logo will be given, which can be placed in the website of the member. Similarly a Certificate of Signatory to the Pledge will be issued, which can be displayed in the office of member, proclaiming its commitment to amicable dispute resolution.

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