

Practice Circular 8 of 2005

To All Law Firms/ Law Organisations

I am pleased to announce another new service initiative, as part of our on-going process review to simplify practices and procedures to serve you and your clients better:

1. <u>Change in name of Registered Proprietor reflected in instrument(s) involving further land transactions.</u>

Presently, when an instrument or a set of instruments lodged reflect a change in the name of the Registered Proprietor, an Application to Note Change of Name supported with the necessary documentary evidence is required to be lodged in order for the new name to be updated on the land register.

Effective 6 September 2005, the Registrar will dispense with the requirement to lodge an Application to Note Change of Name when the new name reflected in the instrument or set of instruments is supported with the necessary documentary evidence duly certified by a solicitor.

The new name of the Registered Proprietor will be automatically updated in the land - register.

2. Change in name of Registered Proprietor in situations where there is no further land transactions.

If a Registered Proprietor wishes to have his new name reflected in the land - register and there is no other instrument lodged, he is still required to lodge an Application to Note Change of Name. The said Application must be supported with the necessary documentary evidence duly certified by a solicitor.

Date: 6 September 2005

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