SRI LANKA TEA BOARD (AMENDMENT) ACT, No. 13 OF 2018

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE SRI LANKA TEA BOARD LAW, NO. 14 OF 1975

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Sri Lanka Tea Board (Amendment) Act, No. 13 of 2018.

2. The following new section is hereby inserted immediately after section 6 of the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law, No. 14 of 1975 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) and shall have effect as section 6A of that enactment:—

6A. (1) The Minister may appoint to the Board, a Working Director other than the members referred to in section 6 from among persons who have had wide experience in the area of tea industry.

(2) The Working Director shall—

(a) be a full time officer;

(b) assist the Chairman in the promotion of the development of the tea industry within and outside Sri Lanka; and

(c) assist the Chairman in the administration, management and operation of the affairs of the Board including the co-ordination of the activities of the Board.

“Working Director of the Board.”

(3) The Minister may remove the Working Director from office after assigning reasons therefor.

(4) The term of office of the Working Director shall be for a period of three years from the date of appointment and he shall be eligible for reappointment unless he has been removed from office as referred to in subsection (3). Such reappointment shall be for not more than one further term, whether consequent or not.

(5) The office of the Working Director shall become vacant upon death, removal from office under subsection (3) or resignation by letter in that behalf addressed to the Minister.

(6) Where the Working Director by reason of ill health, infirmity or absence from Sri Lanka is temporarily unable to perform the duties of his office, the Minister shall appoint another member of the Board to act in his place.

(7) The Working Director shall be paid such remuneration as may be specified in the relevant Public Enterprise Circular issued by the Ministry of Finance.”.

3. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.