

# Shearn Delamore & CO.

## Covid 19 – Movement Control Order

Dear valued clients, business partners and colleagues,

The novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) outbreak that has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organisation has exposed all humankind to unprecedented risks. In the face of this, the well-being and needs of our lawyers, employees, clients, business partners and the wider community are paramount to us.

**On 16 March 2020, the Malaysian government issued a formal Movement Control Order (“Order”) under the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act 1988 and the Police Act 1967 that will take effect from 18 March 2020 until 31 March 2020.**

Pursuant to the Order, all government sector and private sector business premises will have to be shut down for the duration of the Order. During that period, only certain essential services in areas such as utilities, telecommunications, transport, banking, health, airports and ports will continue to function. While some government departments providing essential services will remain open, many normal functions and services provided by the Malaysian government will not be continuing during this period.

**As our office constitutes a private sector business premise, our office will be closed during the period of the Order.**

With the Order coming into effect on 18 March 2020, we are taking all necessary steps to ensure that **despite the closure of our office, there will be no disruption to any of our services to clients.**

We have already activated our business continuity plan (“BCP”) for the COVID-19 outbreak to ensure continuity of services. Our lawyers are already working remotely, and in the process they continue to be able to access and deploy all the usual resources of the firm to ensure smooth delivery of services of the highest standard. Under the BCP, all our lawyers will continue to communicate with clients seamlessly.

Consistent with the Malaysian government’s intention behind the Order, which is to minimise the risk of the spread of the infection, the activation of the BCP will likewise enable us to also minimise any risks to our clients, employees, colleagues and others in the broader community.

We also have been providing, and will continue to provide, regular legal alerts and updates on various topical legal issues that have arisen in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak.

If you have any questions of any kind concerning our services during this unprecedented period, please do not hesitate to contact our designated team for this purpose at [info@shearndelamore.com](mailto:info@shearndelamore.com).

We hope that the Order will achieve its intended effect and that the situation will come under control soon. In the meantime, we take this opportunity to wish you and your family the best of health for the weeks ahead.