



MOTION 2

MOTION BY THE SELANGOR BAR COMMITTEE TO SEEK THE MANDATE OF THIS AUGUST HOUSE FOR MEMBERS TO PAY RINGGIT MALAYSIA SIXTY RM60.00 PER MEMBER TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE LEXISNEXIS ONLINE SERVICES AND/OR DIGITAL SERVICES PACKAGE.

- (A) **WHEREAS** the Malayan Law Journal (MLJ) has been providing up to date and accurate legal reporting in print form to the legal fraternity since 1932 with its establishment by Dr. Bashir Mallal on Malacca Street in Singapore.
- (B) **WHEREAS** in September 1981 MLJ was incorporated in Malaysia and subsequently in 1988, was acquired by Butterworths, a British publisher under Reed International Limited.
- (C) **WHEREAS** in the year 2000, Reed Elsevier combined both LexisNexis and Butterworth Tolley to form LexisNexis Butterworth Tolley and MLJ then joined the LexisNexis umbrella.
- (D) **WHEREAS** in May 2008, MLJ changed its name to LexisNexis Malaysia Sdn Bhd.
- (E) **WHEREAS** MLJ has been the pre-eminent publication under the stable of LexisNexis Malaysia Sdn Bhd and has been made available in soft copy via Lexis Nexis's subscription based online case law search service whilst Lexis Nexis have gone on amongst others, to publishing legal text books and making available in downloadable form those publications as e-books by notable scholars and legal practitioners adding to the vast library of current and constantly updated materials so crucial to the practice of law.
- (F) **WHEREAS** Lexis Nexis has become an indispensable service provider to legal practitioners by the vast array of services both in print and online subscription especially its e-books and online case and legislation search facilities.
- (G) **WHEREAS** the Selangor Bar realizing the value of these services provided by Lexis Nexis to its members, has on 19th December 2017 entered into collaboration with LexisNexis Malaysia Sdn Bhd (LexisNexis) for a period of three (3) years beginning 19th December 2017 to 31.01.2021, for the following services to be provided to each and every member of the Selangor Bar (which as at 3rd January 2018 stood at 6140 members) :-
- (1) Lexis Nexis Base Package
 - (2) Malayan Law Journal Reported



- (3) Malayan Law Journal Unreported
 - (4) Malayan Law Journal Articles
 - (5) Unannotated Statutes of Malaysia
 - (6) LexRead Malaysian Ebooks Digital Publications.
 - (7) Preferential rates solely for members of the Selangor Bar in the purchase of other materials from Lexis Nexis.
- (H) **WHEREAS** the costs for providing these services to Selangor Bar members amounts to RM360,000.00 per annum which translates into an average of RM60.00 per member per annum.
- (I) **WHEREAS** the retail value of the services provided by Lexis Nexis to subscribers as itemized in para G (1) to (5) above is approximately RM3,600.00 per annum and whereas the cost of purchasing the complete package for items in para G (6) above is valued at approximately RM70,000.00.
- (J) **WHEREAS** at the rates secured of approximately RM60.00 per member per annum, these translate into massive savings solely for the benefit of members of the Selangor Bar.
- (K) **WHEREAS** the preferential rates in para G (7) above is offered solely to Selangor Bar members for the purchase of other materials from Lexis Nexis shall be over and above that offered in the market to other purchasers of those materials.
- (L) **WHEREAS** this is a one-time exclusive deal secured solely by the Selangor Bar from Lexis Nexis for the sole and exclusive benefit of members of the Selangor Bar to raise the standards of the Bar in academics, legal research and ultimately legal skills in presenting legal submissions of a higher quality in both oral and written legal opinions and at Trials.
- (M) **WHEREAS** the Selangor Bar Committee after extensive and prolonged negotiations with LexisNexis have arrived at the conclusion that the services offered under this collaboration are vital and important tools of practice for all lawyers.
- (N) **WHEREAS** the cost of the services to be provided by LexisNexis under this collaboration is a fraction of and well below the cost of that offered to the currently subscribing market and those intending to subscribe for such services.



(O) WHEREAS the Selangor Bar Committee, now comes before this august house to seek its approval for members to pay RM60.00 per member to subscribe to the package offered by LexisNexis at paragraph G (1) to G (7) above.

NOW IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 73(i) of the Legal Profession Act 1976, the sum of RM60.00 is to be included in the sum payable by members **over and above** the proposed increment of RM50.00 as Subscriptions for the year 2018/19 in Motion No.1.

Dated the 12th day of January 2018

Proposer:

BERNARD SCOTT

Honorary Secretary

Selangor Bar Committee