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Update on Developments of CPL in Singapore

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Overview of Singapore Competition Regime

- ▶ The Competition Act (Chapter 50B)
 - Section 34 Prohibition (Anti-Competitive Agreements)
 - Section 47 Prohibition (Abuse of Dominance)
 - Section 54 Prohibition (Mergers which SLC)
- ▶ The Act applies to all economic /commercial activities by private entities, regardless of their ownership
- ▶ CCS administers and enforces the Act
 - Commission enjoys full autonomy in decision-making
 - Powers to investigate, impose sanctions, issue directions/remedies
- ▶ 2 - Pronged Approach: Rigorous Enforcement + Active Advocacy




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Highlights of 2012

- ▶ Infringement Decision against Ferry Operators
 - Unlawful exchange of sensitive price information
- ▶ Proposed Infringement Decision against Motor Vehicle Traders
 - Unlawful bid suppression at public auctions of used motor vehicles
- ▶ CAB upheld CCS' Infringement Decision against SISTIC
 - A landmark case (AOD, SOE, largest fine imposed)
 - CAB affirms the legal and economic tests used to prove 'dominance' and 'abuse'
 - Ticketing services market in Singapore became more competitive
- ▶ 7 Mergers
 - Spanned several industries – steel, healthcare, fuel oil storage, beer, ..





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Highlights of 2012

- 2 ND/NG
 - airline alliances or cooperation agreements
- 2 Market Studies
 - Taxi Industry
 - Industrial Property Market
- 4 Competition Advisories
 - IP, Standards Setting, Healthcare and Government Tenders
- Revisions to CCS Guidelines on Merger Procedures
 - Offered a new service to merging parties
 - New turnover threshold
 - Streamlined merger filing procedures




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Highlights of 2012

- Business Outreach via Trade/Professional Bodies
- Stakeholder Perception Survey 2012
- Quarterly CCS e-newsletter
- CCS-SAL Competition Law Conference
 (cum ICN workshop on Unilateral Conduct)
- Use of social media (CCS FB, CCS Blog and YouTube)
- CCS Digital Animation Film Contest
- Project MoneyMind
- Competition Compliance Guidelines; e-learning modules




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Highlights of 2012



BUILD EXPERTISE AND DEVELOP SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

- 5-year Strategic Plan for CCS
- Staff Competency Training Roadmap
- Study Visits (ACCC & NZCC)
- Staff Attachment (ACCC, SACC)



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Going Forward...

- Legislative Review
- Review Penalty Framework
- Strengthen Cross-Border Enforcement Collaborations
- Commitment and Remedies
- Develop Business Analytics Capabilities
- Greater Publicity for Leniency and Whistle-Blowing Programmes
- Enhance Market Intelligence/Horizon Scanning and IT forensics capabilities
- Collaterals Revamp



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