

MEDIA RELEASE

**THE SITE AT 38 OXLEY ROAD TO BE ACQUIRED FOLLOWING ITS GAZETTE AS A
NATIONAL MONUMENT**

Singapore, 29 January 2026 – Following the gazette of the site at 38 Oxley Road (the “Site”) as a National Monument on 12 December 2025, the Site was gazetted for acquisition today in order to safeguard and preserve it in keeping with its historic significance and national importance.

2 Preserving and acquiring the Site means that it cannot be redeveloped for residential, commercial or other private uses. After acquisition, the relevant authorities will assess the condition of the buildings and structures within the Site, and undertake a detailed study to consider the next steps. All options, including those outlined by the 2018 Ministerial Committee, will be considered before a decision is made. Regardless of the option taken, the Government has committed to respecting Mr Lee Kuan Yew’s (“Mr Lee”) wishes to protect his family’s privacy, by removing all traces of their private living spaces from the interior of the house. Under no circumstances will the interior of the house as Mr Lee knew, be displayed, recorded, remodelled or duplicated elsewhere.

3 The Singapore Land Authority and the National Heritage Board will work with the owner through the acquisition process. The compensation for the Site will be determined in accordance with the Land Acquisition Act 1966 which will take into account the market value of the acquired Site as at the date of the gazette of the acquisition and claims submitted by the persons interested.

– END –



For media enquiries, please contact:

Cho Chui Wai
Principal Manager, Communications and
Engagement Division
Singapore Land Authority
cho_chui_wai@sla.gov.sg

Justin Ho
Senior Manager, Strategic Comms
National Heritage Board
Justin_ho@nhb.gov.sg

About SLA

Singapore Land Authority (SLA) is a statutory board with the Ministry of Law. Its mission is to optimise land resources for the social and economic development of Singapore. SLA manages some 11,000 hectares of State land and about 2,600 State properties, which have largely been tenanted out for a variety of uses. It also manages land sales, leases, acquisitions, and allocation, developing and marketing land-related information, and maintaining the national land information database through digitised land information services. Being the national land registration authority for property transactions, SLA issues and guarantees land titles in Singapore. It also manages and maintains the national land survey system, where boundaries or legal limits of properties are defined, based on a coordinated cadastre survey system. The use of geospatial information is also spearheaded by SLA through a national collaborative environment where geospatial data, policies and technologies are established and defined, thereby fostering innovation, knowledge and value creation for the Government, enterprises, and community.

For more details, visit www.sla.gov.sg or find us on LinkedIn, Facebook, and Instagram @SingaporeLandAuthority.

About the National Heritage Board

The National Heritage Board (NHB) was formed on 1 August 1993. As the custodian of Singapore's heritage, NHB is responsible for telling the Singapore story, sharing the Singaporean experience and imparting our Singapore spirit.

NHB's mission is to preserve and celebrate the shared heritage of our diverse communities, for the purpose of education, nation-building and cultural understanding. It manages the national museums and heritage institutions, and sets policies relating to heritage sites, monuments and the National Collection. Through the National Collection, NHB curates heritage programmes and presents exhibitions to connect the past, present and future generations of Singaporeans. NHB is a statutory board under the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth. Please visit www.nhb.gov.sg for more information.