



**APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS TO
THE AGRI-FOOD AND VETERINARY AUTHORITY (AVA) BOARD**

Mr Koh Soo Keong, currently AVA Deputy Chairman, will be appointed Chairman of the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA) from 1 April 2008. He will succeed Mr Koh Poh Tiong.

2 Mr Koh Poh Tiong has been AVA's Chairman since the Board's inception in April 2000. As the founding Chairman, he has successfully guided the growth and development of AVA and established it as a credible national authority for food safety. He was instrumental in helping AVA formulate strategies to enhance the resilience of our food supply. Under his leadership, AVA adopted a risk management approach to achieve diversification of our food supply sources, strengthened its food safety management system by upgrading its professional and diagnostic capabilities, and established a strong working relationship with the industry. He also put in place an effective system of corporate governance and raised public awareness of AVA's roles through corporate communications and public education programmes.

3 Mr Mah Bow Tan, Minister for National Development, said, "I deeply appreciate Mr Koh Poh Tiong's significant contributions, as the first Chairman of AVA, in guiding the development of AVA into a recognized and credible authority on food safety and veterinary services."

4 The new AVA Board, which will serve a two-year term commencing 1 April 2008, comprises the following 11 members:

- Mr Koh Soo Keong, Managing Director, EcoSave Pte Ltd (Chairman);
- Dr Ngiam Tong Tau, Executive Vice President, United Engineers Ltd;
- Mr Frankie Chia, Managing Partner, BDO Raffles;
- Mr Tan Kian Chew, Group Chief Executive Officer, NTUC Fairprice Cooperative Ltd;
- Mr Cavinder Bull, Director, Drew & Napier LLC;
- Mr Alan Lee, Managing Partner, August Consulting Pte Ltd;
- COL (Dr) Benjamin Seet Hun Yew, Chief Army Medical Officer, Ministry of Defence;
- Dr Chua Sin Bin, Chief Executive Officer, AVA;
- Associate Professor Zhou Weibiao, Director, Food Science & Technology Programme, National University of Singapore*;
- Mr Huang Hong Peng, Regional Director (China), Asia Pacific Breweries Ltd*; and
- Dr Lee Tung Jean, Director (Water Studies) & Deputy Executive Director of Environment and Water Industry Development Council, Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources*.

*New board members

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