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ANNEX B

STATEMENT OF ASSESSMENT BY PSM ADVISORY BOARD

The Preservation of Sites and Monuments Advisory Board has assessed 38 Oxley Road (“Site”) to have strong national significance worthy of preservation as a National Monument.

38 Oxley Road was more than just the home of Singapore’s founding Prime Minister Mr Lee Kuan Yew, who lived and worked there from 1950 until his death in 2015. The Site bore witness to pivotal events in the 1950s that marked Singapore’s transition from a colony to an independent nation. The modest buildings contrast with the impactful and consequential decisions taken there.

The Site served as the venue for political conversations, activities and decisions of our founding leaders which profoundly influenced the trajectory of Singapore’s independence movement and its subsequent national history. This makes the Site a foundational part of the story of Singapore’s independence, which is not represented by any other site or monument.

38 Oxley Road is of national significance with great historic merit. The preservation of the Site would allow present and future generations of Singaporeans to reflect upon the gravity of these significant events, as well as the ideals and values that have come to shape Singapore today.