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Dear Eileen.

## Registration of lis pendens and court order

The Land Registry ("Registry") has from time to time received enquiries from practitioners regarding registrability of lis pendens or court order lodged for registration. In many cases, registration is withheld because the instrument does not clearly refer to the property stated in the memorial, which is the property affected by the legal proceedings.

- 2. The Registry wishes to remind practitioners of its long standing practice that lis pendens or court order which does not relate to land or any interest in land or does not refer to the property stated in the memorial is likely to be withheld from registration. To avoid withholding of registration, practitioners should ensure the property concerned is clearly referred to in the lis pendens or Please note that the Registry needs to be satisfied that the submitted instrument affects the property stated in the memorial before allowing its registration.
- Notwithstanding the above, to allow for flexibility, the Registry may 3. consider accepting registration of a lis pendens or court order despite the property concerned is not referred to in the instrument if satisfactory evidence is

submitted to prove to the Registry that the instrument affects the property stated in the memorial.

4. Would the Property Committee please inform practitioners the above practice and requirements for registration.

Yours sincerely,

(Ms Christina Choi) for Land Registrar