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Welcome to the 30th issue of BuildLaw® in which we draw on the experience and expertise of leading experts in the field to bring you commentary, articles and reviews on topical matters relating to construction law.

In this issue we feature the Singapore *Mataban* case where the court confirms an adjudicator's decision to disregard an invalid payment response. We also look at the issue of non-conforming cladding that became notorious with the Grenfell Tower fire. Rebecca Taverner and Matthew Taylor discuss the importance of clarity when drafting guarantees and performance bonds for international structure projects. Also John Walton explains how the *Malmaison* test can be applied in the interpretation of concurrent delay under the New Zealand standard NZS3910:2013. And among other articles of great interest, Aaron Lloyd and Fiona Tregonning comment on a recent NZ corruption case upheld by the Court of Appeal related to Auckland roading contracts.

In our double edition of 'Case in Brief' Sam Thyne comments on the recent *GPW Investments Ltd v Dreamhome Construction Group Ltd* where he illustrates the interaction between the payment regime under the Construction Contracts Act 2002 and the statutory demand regime under the Companies Act 1993. Also the scope of architects' duty towards their clients is discussed in Hardwicke's analysis of UK case *Riva Properties Limited & Ors v Foster + Partners Limited*.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all our contributors. We are most grateful for the support we receive from dispute resolution professional, law firms, and publishers, locally and overseas, that allows us to share with you papers and articles of a world class standard, and to bring you a broad perspective on the law and evolving trends in the delivery and practice of domestic and international dispute resolution and construction law.

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