In exercise of the powers conferred by section 35(1) of the Sarawak Biodiversity Centre Ordinance, 1997 [Cap. 24], the Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri has made the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Sarawak Biodiversity (Amendment) Regulations, 2018, and shall be deemed to have come into force on the 28th day of August, 2018.

Amendment of regulation 14

2. Regulation 14 of the Sarawak Biodiversity Regulations, 2016 [Swk. L.N. 312/2016] (in this Regulations referred to as the “Principal Regulations) is amended by renaming the word “Schedule” as “First Schedule” in sub-regulations (2)(j) and (5).

New regulation 39

3. The Principal Regulations is amended by inserting immediately after regulation 38 the following new regulation:
“Meetings of the Council, etc.

39. All meetings of the Council shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Second Schedule.”

Renumbering of regulation 39

4. The Principal Regulations is amended by renumbering the existing regulation 39 as regulation 40.

Amendment of Schedule

5. The Principal Regulations is amended by renaming the heading of the existing “SCHEDULE” as the “FIRST SCHEDULE”

New Second Schedule

6. The Principal Regulations is amended by inserting immediately after the First Schedule the following new Schedule:

“SECOND SCHEDULE

MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL, ETC.

(Regulation 39)

Meetings

1.—(1) The quorum of any meeting of the Council shall be five amongst whom shall be the Chairman or in his absence, the Deputy Chairman, who shall be preside at such meetings.

(2) All decisions at a meeting of the Council shall be adopted by a simple majority of votes of members present and voting:

Provided the Chairman or the person presiding shall have a casting vote in addition to his deliberative vote.

(3) All acts, matters and things authorized and required to do so by the Council shall be decided by resolution.

(4) Subject to subparagraphs (1) and (2) and paragraph 2, the Council shall regulate its own procedures.

Frequency of meetings

2.—(1) Except with the written approval of the Minister, the Council shall hold at least three meetings in every calendar year.

(2) Notice of such meetings shall be issued and signed by the Secretary or any person specifically authorized by the Secretary at least fourteen (14) days before the date of the meeting together with the agenda of the meeting.
(3) The Chairman may at any time call a special meeting of the Council, and shall call a special meeting of the Council within seven (7) days of a requisition for that purpose addressed to him by any three members of the Council.

**Council may invite others to meeting**

3. The Council may request any person (not being a member of the Council) to attend any meeting or deliberation of the Council for the purpose of advising the Council on any matter under discussion, but any person so attending shall have no right to vote at the said meeting or deliberation.

**Minutes**

4.—(1) The Council shall cause minutes of all its meetings to be maintained and kept in a proper form.

(2) Any minutes of meetings of the Council shall, if duly signed by the Chairman or by the Deputy Chairman presiding in his absence, as the case may be, be admissible in evidence in all legal proceedings without further proof and every meeting of the Council in respect of the proceedings of which minutes have been so made shall be deemed to have been duly convened and held and all members thereof to have been duly qualified to act.

(3) Members are entitled to copies of such minutes but shall not, without the permission of the Chairman, transmit, distribute or permit access thereto, to any person who is not a member of the Council.

**Fees and benefits of members of the Council**

5. There shall be paid to the members of the Council such remuneration, allowances and benefits as the Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri may determine from time to time.

**Disclosure of interests**

6. A member of the Council whether directly or indirectly, by himself or his spouse or children, having any interest in any company or undertaking with which the Council proposes to make any contract or whether directly or indirectly having any interest in any such contract on in any matter under discussion by the Council shall disclose to the Council the fact of his interest and the nature thereof, and such disclosure shall be recorded in the minutes of the meetings of the Council and, unless specifically authorized thereto by the Chairman, such member shall take no part in any deliberation or decision of the Council relating to the contract or matter.7

Made by the Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri this 28th day of August, 2018.

DATU HAJAH SUTIN BINTI SAHMAT

*Clerk to Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri*

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