CAPITAL MARKETS AND SERVICES ACT 2007 (Act 671)

An Act to consolidate the Securities Industry Act 1983 [Act 280] and Futures Industry Act 1993 [Act 499], to regulate and to provide for matters relating to the activities, markets and intermediaries in the capital markets, and for matters consequential and incidental thereto.

Section 175 of the CMSA

PART V

MARKET MISCONDUCT AND OTHER PROHIBITED CONDUCT

Division 1

Prohibited conduct – Securities Subdivision 1 – Offences relating to false trading and market rigging, stock market manipulation, etc.

False trading and market rigging transaction 175.

- (1) Subject to section 180, no person shall create, or cause to be created, or do anything that is calculated to create, a false or misleading appearance of active trading in any securities on a stock market within Malaysia or a false or misleading appearance with respect to the market for, or the price of, any such securities.
- (2) A person shall not, by means of purchases or sales of any securities that do not involve a change in the beneficial ownership of those securities, or by any fictitious transaction or device, maintain, inflate, depress, or cause fluctuations in, the market price of any securities.
- (3) Without affecting the generality of subsection (1), a person who—
- (a) effects, takes part in, is concerned in or carries out, either directly or indirectly, any transaction of sale or purchase of any securities, being a transaction that does not involve any change in the beneficial ownership of the securities;
- (b) makes or causes to be made an offer to sell any securities at a specified price where he has made or caused to be made or proposes to make or to cause to be made, or knows that a person associated with him has made or caused to be made or proposes to make or to cause to be made, an offer to purchase the same number, or substantially the same number, of securities at a price that is substantially the same as the first-mentioned price; or
- (c) makes or causes to be made an offer to purchase any securities at a specified price where he has made or caused to be made or proposes to make or to cause to be made, or knows that a person associated with him has made or caused to be made or proposes to make or to cause to be made, an offer to sell the same number, or substantially the same number, of securities at a price that is substantially the same as the first-mentioned price, shall be deemed to have created a false or misleading appearance of active trading in securities on a stock market.
- (4) In a prosecution of a person for an act referred to in subsection (3) it is a defence if the defendant establishes that—
- (a) the purpose for which he did the act was not, or did not include, the purpose of creating a false or misleading appearance; and
- (b) he did not act recklessly, whether or not he created a false or misleading appearance, of active trading in securities on a stock market.

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(5) A purchase or sale of securities does not involve a change in the beneficial ownership for the purposes of this section if a person who had an interest in the securities before the purchase or sale, or a person associated with the first-mentioned person in relation to those securities, has an interest in the securities after the purchase or sale.	
(6) In a prosecution for an offence against subsection (2) in relation to a purchase or sale of securities that did not involve a change in the beneficial ownership of those securities, it is a defence if the defendant establishes that the purpose or purposes for which he purchased or sold the securities was not, or did not include, the purpose of creating a false or misleading appearance with respect to the market for, or the price of, securities.	
(7) The reference in paragraph (3)(a) to a transaction of sale or purchase of securities includes—	
(a) a reference to the making of an offer to sell or purchase securities; and (b) a reference to the making of an invitation, however expressed, that expressly or impliedly invites a person to offer to sell or purchase securities	