

**PRESS RELEASE
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ACRES WILDLIFE RESCUE CENTRE PARTIALLY OPENS TOMORROW

SINGAPORE, 11 September 2008- ACRES is pleased to announce that the front portion of ACRES Wildlife Rescue Centre (AWRC) opens tomorrow. The front portion includes the Volunteer House, Education Centre and Administrative Building. The back portion, the Main Sanctuary Area, where animals will be housed following their three month quarantine period at the Wildlife Recovery and Rehabilitation Centre (front portion), is delayed for at least another six months.

The opening is a milestone as more than four years have passed since the Animal Concerns Research and Education Society (ACRES) started work on establishing Singapore's first dedicated wildlife rescue centre.

In addition, the Wildlife Recovery and Rehabilitation Centre at the AWRC will open shortly, following further discussions with the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority.

"It has been a long and eventful journey with many setbacks along the way. It has, however, been a journey that is without a doubt worthwhile. We have learnt many important lessons and look forward to the AWRC being a landmark facility for the protection of animals" said Mr. Louis Ng, Founder and Executive Director of ACRES.

ACRES will begin its education and volunteer programmes at the Lee Foundation Education Centre and South West CDC Volunteer House at the AWRC respectively. Programmes include the Wildlife Guardians Volunteer Programme which aims to give members of the public from all walks of life the chance to help animal and environmental protection and local conservation efforts in a hands-on capacity. These programmes aim to empower the public with knowledge about animal protection issues, inspire them to volunteer and take action to make a difference for our community.

To date, the work of ACRES has led to the rescue of more than 200 wild animals. ACRES has also conducted more than 280 roadshows and/or talks in Singapore, creating the much needed awareness on animal protection issues. ACRES looks forward to welcoming more wild animals in need of protection.

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Notes to editors

- Photographs of wild animals that will potentially be housed at the AWRC are available on request.
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ACRES COMMENCES LEGAL ACTION AGAINST ANA CONTRACTOR PTE LTD

SINGAPORE, 11 September 2008- The completion of the construction of the ACRES Wildlife Rescue Centre (AWRC) has been delayed, only the front portion of the AWRC has been completed. ACRES has commenced legal action in the Singapore High Court against Contractor Pte Ltd (ANA) with respect to this delay (Case no. S639/2008/H).



As the matter is pending before the Court, ACRES is unable to comment further on this case.

ACRES is represented by Mr. Kenneth Pereira and Mr. Muralli Raja of Allen & Gledhill. ACRES has also commenced legal proceedings against Mr. Tan Boon Kwee, the Clerk of Works. The Clerk of Works was required to be at the AWRC, on a daily basis, to supervise the day to day works that were to be carried out on site.

ACRES will be claiming damages and/or losses it has suffered as a result of the actions of ANA and Mr. Tan Boon Kwee.

"We will work tirelessly to rectify the problems that have arisen and we will not give up. This setback has not dampened our passion and determination to make a difference. We will learn from it and become stronger. We would like to thank our supporters for their continued support for our efforts." said Mr. Louis Ng, Founder and Executive Director of ACRES.

ACRES is appealing for help from any construction company that will be to assist us in the excavation and re-building works at the AWRC.

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- Photographs of the polluting materials and discharge are available on request.
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