

## STREETDIRECTORY.COM COMES BACK ONLINE

**Singapore, 14 April 2008** – Taking its first step towards becoming fully functional again, *Streetdirectory.com* came back online at 4:20am today with most of its popular features including bus/ MRT guides and a search function for amenities (ATM, restaurants, etc) in the vicinity of any given address. While the maps of Malaysia and Indonesia are available, Singaporeans will have to continue waiting for their maps.

The website's holding company Virtual Map has applied for a leave to appeal a High Court judgement on copyright infringement claims brought against the former by the Singapore Land Authority. *Streetdirectory.com*, the website for maps and travelling directions, was taken down for two weeks as the disputed maps were removed and the software engine upgraded.

Mr. Firdhaus Akber, Managing Director of Virtual Map says, *"We'd like to apologise to our users for the inconvenience caused during the few days that streetdirectory.com was down. We read comments in online forums and also met people who were very much affected by the loss of our service, so today is an attempt to respond to their feedback. While we regret that the maps of Singapore are still not up, hopefully the secondary functions like our bus and MRT guides will, in some small way, help ease their inconvenience."*

Virtual Map is currently seeking leave to take the case to the Court of Appeal, after a High Court dismissed Virtual Map's first appeal. The court will decide on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April if the leave to appeal is granted.

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