Article (1): The Minister of Housing shall grant Omani and non Omani natural and juristic persons usufruct over part of the state-owned lands for the purpose of setting up projects, which serve the development process in the Sultanate for a determined period. Article (2): In the implementation of this Decree, usufruct shall entitle the Usufructuary to use and exploit the land subject to usufruct and shall authorize the Usufructuary to dispose of his/her/their right by way of assigning to third parties or mortgaging the same and all other such acts that are consistent with the nature of the usufruct and without prejudice to the ownership of the land itself. The Ministry may refuse to register such disposal in case it is issued in a manner that violates any of the provisions of this Decree, its Executive Regulations or any other enforceable legislation in the Sultanate. Article (4): Usufruct may not be acquired unless registered with the Ministry of Land Affairs and Municipalities pursuant to the provisions of the aforesaid . Lands Law of 1980