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## PRESS RELEASE

### DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE INQUIRY FOR DR ANG KIAM HAU STEVEN

1. The Singapore Dental Council (“**SDC**”) held a disciplinary inquiry on 25 July 2019 against Dr Ang Kiam Hau Steven (“**the Respondent**”), a dentist who was practising under the name of “The Smile Division Dental Surgeons @ Orchard Pte Ltd” at the material times.
2. The Respondent faced five charges under the Dental Registration Act for having been convicted in Singapore of offences involving dishonesty, in relation to engaging in a conspiracy to cheat the Central Provident Fund Board (“**CPF**”) to deliver various sums of monies from the CPF accounts of patients for treatments that were not performed.
3. The Respondent pleaded guilty to all five charges.
4. The Disciplinary Committee (“**DC**”) noted in its concluding statement that the Respondent’s serial dishonest conduct and convictions would seriously impinge on the reputation of the profession if the sanction was anything less than that stated in *Wong Meng Hang v Singapore Medical Council and other matters [2019] 3 SLR 526* for a case involving dishonesty i.e. striking off. The extent of the Respondent’s dishonesty was egregious because it was calculated and carried out repeatedly and done primarily for profit.
5. The DC made the following orders on 6 August 2019:
  - (1) The Registrar remove the name of the Respondent from the appropriate register; and
  - (2) The Respondent shall pay the costs and expenses of and incidental to the proceedings, including the costs of Counsel to the SDC and the Legal Assessor, and such reasonable expenses as are necessary for the conduct of the proceedings be taxed if not agreed.
6. The DC also ordered that the decision shall be published.
7. The Respondent’s removal from the Register of Dentists will take effect on Friday, 6 September 2019.

8. The SDC reminds all dental professionals that it takes a serious view of their conduct and ethics. The SDC would like to urge all dental professionals to be cognisant of the laws and regulations governing dental practices, and to comply with the provisions of the code of ethics of the profession as well as directives and guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health.

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