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PRESS RELEASE

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE INQUIRY FOR DR LIEW YAOXIANG, DANIEL

1. The Singapore Dental Council ("**SDC**") held a disciplinary inquiry on 27 July and 12 August 2020 against Dr Liew Yaoxiang, Daniel ("**the Respondent**"), a dentist who was practising under the name of "The Smile Division Dental Group" at the material times.
2. The Respondent faced seven 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 seven charges.
4. The Disciplinary Committee ("**DC**") noted in its concluding statement that the Respondent's conduct and his consequent convictions have brought dishonour to the dental profession. An unequivocal signal must be sent to the public that the profession will not tolerate such transgressions by its members, and to the profession to be vigilant and not abuse the trust reposed in them by the State's institutions and the public.
5. The DC made the following orders on 12 August 2020:
 - (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 Wednesday, 16 September 2020.
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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