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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE INQUIRY FOR DR LEE WAI HAN**

1. The Singapore Dental Council ("**SDC**") held a disciplinary inquiry against Dr Lee Wai Han ("**Dr Lee**"), a dentist practising at The Smile Cliniques at Bukit Timah Plaza.
2. Dr Lee faced 3 charges of professional misconduct under the Dental Registration Act (Cap. 76) in respect of the following:
  - (i) The first 2 charges were related to Dr Lee's inappropriate treatment of a patient, firstly in respect of Dr Lee's recommendation and performance of the attempted closure of 2 extraction spaces on the patient's lower jaw, and secondly, her recommendation of and placement of 18 veneers on the patient's upper and lower teeth.
  - (ii) The third charge was related to Dr Lee's failure to refer the same patient to an orthodontist/specialist for assessment and management when she encountered complications in the management of the patient.
3. Dr Lee pleaded guilty to all 3 charges.
4. The Disciplinary Committee ("**DC**") noted that in this case, the patient had suffered irreversible damage caused by Dr Lee's treatment. The DC was of the view that the treatment which Dr Lee had carried out was inappropriate and not in accordance with what a practicing dentist would do.
5. Taking into account the circumstances of the case and the mitigating factors, the DC ordered that Dr Lee be suspended for a period of 6 months, and that she pays the costs and expenses of and incidental to the proceedings, including the costs of the solicitors to the SDC and the Legal Assessor.
6. Dr Lee's 6-month suspension took effect on 13 August 2012.

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