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INTERIM ORDERS COMMITTEE INQUIRY FOR DR JIPSON QUAH

- 1. On 23 January 2022, the SMC received a complaint ("Complaint") from the Ministry of Health ("MOH") in respect of Dr Quah. Among other things, it was alleged that: (a) Dr Quah facilitated the upload of Pre-Event Testing ("PET") results, obtained through "remote" PET that was not conducted in a manner in accordance with the prevailing Infectious Diseases (Antigen Rapid Test Providers) Regulations 2021, onto the MOH's Patient Risk Profile Portal ("MOH Portal"); (b) Dr Quah was involved in the creation of a fake patient account and upload of a false COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test result to the MOH Portal for a patient who had not been vaccinated against COVID-19, and issued the patient with an exemption letter so that the patient could be exempted from vaccination-differentiated safe management measures; (c) after patients were administered saline solution instead of a COVID-19 vaccine, Dr Quah uploaded false vaccination statuses to the MOH's National Immunisation Registry system in respect of those patients to record that they were vaccinated against COVID-19; (d) Dr Quah grossly overcharged for "vaccinating" patients through the administration of saline solution instead of a COVID-19 vaccine; and (e) Dr Quah's actions carry public health consequences and show his failure to maintain the highest standards of moral integrity and intellectual honesty and to protect and promote the health of individuals and the community.
- 2. The Complaint was subsequently referred to an Interim Orders Committee ("**IOC**") for the purpose of determining if it was necessary for the protection of members of the public or was otherwise in the public interest, or was in the interests of Dr Quah, that Dr Quah's registration be suspended or be made subject to conditions or restrictions.
- 3. An independent Complaints Committee was appointed to inquire into the Complaint and investigations are still ongoing.
- 4. On 23 March 2022, the IOC, upon due inquiry into the information referred to it by the SMC and after considering the submissions by Counsel for Dr Quah and Counsel for the SMC, was satisfied that pursuant to section 59B(1)(a) of the Medical Registration Act ("MRA"), it was necessary for the protection of members of the public and in the public interest that Dr Quah's registration as a medical practitioner be suspended for a period of 18 months with immediate effect from 23 March 2022, or until the conclusion of the disciplinary proceedings against Dr Quah under Part VII of the MRA, whichever is sooner.