

Mr Patel Anand Rameshchandra (Mr Rameshchandra), a public accountant (Registration No.: 01316), practising as a director in accounting firms Everest Assurance PAC and SPN Associates PAC, located at 7500A Beach Road, #14-302 The Plaza, Singapore 199591 and 1 North Bridge Road, #07-09 High Street Centre, Singapore 179094 respectively, has failed to pass his revisit practice review. The PAOC had on 12 June 2020 ordered, among others, that:

- a. Mr Rameshchandra be restricted from performing any audit and reporting of financial statements for the entities specified below during the periods specified below.

<u>Entities</u>	<u>Period</u>
(i) Any public company <sup>1</sup> that is not dormant <sup>2</sup> ; (ii) Any private company <sup>3</sup> that is not dormant and not an exempt private company (EPC); and (iii) Any EPC that is not dormant and has annual revenue of more than \$10 million.	9 months (from 27 June 2020 to 26 March 2021)
All public interest entities <sup>4</sup>	24 months (from 27 June 2020 to 26 June 2022) or until he has undergone and has been informed that he has passed his next practice review, whichever is earlier

- b. Mr Rameshchandra be required to undergo a review<sup>5</sup> (commonly known as “hot review”) by a hot review partner approved by ACRA, for 8 audit engagements signed off by Mr Rameshchandra, each involving annual turnover greater than S\$10 million, within a period of 9 months commencing from 27 March 2021.

Arising from the above orders, Mr Rameshchandra shall not be an audit principal<sup>6</sup> from 27 June 2020 until the end of the restriction period, and until he completes his hot review order, if this is later than the end of the restriction period.

<sup>1</sup> As defined in section 4(1) of the Companies Act, Cap.50

<sup>2</sup> As defined in section 205B(2) of the Companies Act, Cap. 50

<sup>3</sup> As defined in section 4(1) of the Companies Act, Cap.50

<sup>4</sup> The phrase “public interest entities” as used here has the same meaning as defined in paragraph 290.25, SG290.25A and SG290.25B in the *Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics for Public Accountants and Accounting Entities* at the Fourth Schedule of the Accountants (Public Accountants) Rules and as clarified in Practice Direction No. 1 of 2020 at [www.acra.gov.sg](http://www.acra.gov.sg).

<sup>5</sup> More details on hot review orders can be found in Practice Direction No. 4 of 2010 at <https://www.acra.gov.sg/docs/default-source/default-document-library/training-and-resources/publications/practice-directions/2010/PRACTICEDIRECTIONNO4of201015July.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> An audit principal is a public accountant who directly supervises or undertakes the overall oversight of a pupil’s acquisition of qualifying audit experience. The public accountant must have at least 5 years’ experience in public practice and must not be subject to any of the following PAOC orders:

- (i) An order prohibiting the public accountant from being an audit principal;
- (ii) A hot review order;
- (iii) A restriction order;
- (iv) A suspension order.