

Mr Zheng Xiang (Mr Zheng), a public accountant (Registration No.: 01542), practising as a partner in the accounting firm NSC & Associates, located at 2 Venture Drive, #11-18 Vision Exchange, Singapore 608526, has failed to pass his revisit practice review. The PAOC had on 20 February 2020 ordered, among others, that:

- a. Mr Zheng be restricted from performing any audit and reporting of financial statements of all public interest entities¹ for a period of 24 months commencing from 6 March 2020 to 5 March 2022.
- b. Mr Zheng be required to undergo a review² (commonly known as “hot review”) by a hot review partner approved by ACRA, for 6 audit engagements signed off by Mr Zheng, each involving annual turnover greater than S\$10 million, within a period of 9 months commencing from 6 March 2020.

Arising from the above orders, Mr Zheng shall not be an audit principal³ from 6 March 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.

¹ 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.

² 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>

³ 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.