

Mr Ramachandran Sri Kumar (Mr Ramachandran), a public accountant (Registration No.: 01588), practising as a director in the accounting firm MGI Singapore PAC, located at 51 Anson Road, #09-55 Anson Centre, Singapore 079904 and as a partner in the accounting firm Chan Geok Huat & Company, located at 6001 Beach Road, #19-10A Golden Mile Tower, Singapore 199589, has failed to pass his revisit practice review. The PAOC had on 20 February 2020 ordered, among others, that:

- a. Mr Ramachandran 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 Ramachandran 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 Ramachandran, 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 Ramachandran 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 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.