

Media Release

Alternate Authority for the Minister charged with the Responsibility for the Portfolio of the Prime Minister insofar as it relates to the National Population and Talent Division Instructs POFMA Office to Issue Targeted Correction Direction

Singapore – 4 July 2020: The Alternate Authority for the Minister charged with the responsibility for the portfolio of the Prime Minister insofar as it relates to the National Population and Talent Division, has instructed POFMA Office to issue a Targeted Correction Direction¹ (TCD) to Facebook, Inc. following the non-compliance of Facebook user “Jafri Basron” with a Correction Direction issued to him on 3 July 2020.

2 The TCD requires Facebook to publish a correction notice on the Facebook post of user “Jafri Basron” dated 2 July 2020 that carried a false statement that the Urban Redevelopment Authority has released a “plan to build underground infrastructure ready for 10 million population”, and on any identical posts².

3 For facts of the case, please refer to the Factually article, “Corrections and clarifications regarding posts of falsehoods from an article by The Online Citizen” (www.gov.sg/article/factually030720a).

¹ A **Targeted Correction Direction** is a Direction issued to an Internet Intermediary (“II”), whose service was used to communicate a falsehood that affects the public interest. The Direction requires the II to communicate a correction notice by means of its service to all users in Singapore who access the falsehood through its service. This is so that users who see the falsehood on a platform also see the correction notice on that platform.

² Under section 21(2)(a) of the Protection from Online Falsehoods and Manipulation Act, a prescribed II may be required to communicate a correction notice to all end-users in Singapore who access identical copies of a falsehood.

About the POFMA Office

The POFMA Office, situated within the Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA), is responsible for the administration of the Protection from Online Falsehoods and Manipulation Act (POFMA). For more information about POFMA Office, visit www.pofmaoffice.gov.sg.

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