

## Media Release

### **Minister for Manpower Instructs POFMA Office to Issue Correction Directions and Targeted Correction Direction**

**Singapore – 6 April 2020:** The Minister for Manpower has instructed POFMA Office to issue Correction Directions<sup>1</sup> to Mr Alex Tan and the Singapore States Times Facebook page, and a Targeted Correction Direction<sup>2</sup> to Facebook.

2. This is with regard to Mr Tan's post published on the "Singapore States Times" Facebook page on 5 April 2020, 8.43pm, which falsely claimed that quarantined foreign workers will not be paid their salaries.

3. For facts of the case, please refer to the Factually article, "Clarification regarding falsehood published by Singapore States Times on quarantine of foreign workers" (<http://www.gov.sg/article/factually-clarification-on-falsehood-posted-by-sst-on-quarantine-of-foreign-workers>).

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<sup>1</sup> A **Correction Direction** is a Direction issued to a person who has communicated a falsehood (i.e. the recipient) that affects the public interest. It requires the recipient to publish a correction notice, providing access to the correct facts. The Direction does not require the recipient to take down their post or make edits to their content, and does not impose criminal sanctions.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

**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](http://www.pofmaoffice.gov.sg).*

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