

## **Media Release**

### **Minister for Health Instructs POFMA Office to Issue General Correction Direction**

**Singapore – 27 January 2020:** The Minister for Health has instructed the POFMA Office to issue a General Correction Direction<sup>1</sup> to SPH Magazines Pte. Ltd, which operates the HardwareZone forum.

2. A false statement was made in a HardwareZone forum post, claiming that a man has died from the Wuhan coronavirus infection in Singapore. HardwareZone is required to carry the Correction Notice to all end-users in Singapore who use HardwareZone.com.

3. For facts of the case, please refer to the Factually article “Corrections and clarifications regarding falsehoods posted on HardwareZone forum post” ([www.gov.sg/article/factually-clarifications-on-falsehoods-posted-on-hardware-zone-forum-post](http://www.gov.sg/article/factually-clarifications-on-falsehoods-posted-on-hardware-zone-forum-post)).

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#### ***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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<sup>1</sup> A General Correction Direction is a Direction issued to prescribed Internet Intermediaries, prescribed telecom and broadcast licensees, and/or prescribed permit holders of the Newspaper and Printing Presses Act that would require them to communicate, publish, broadcast or transmit a correction notice to their users in Singapore.