

Media Statement

Minister for National Development Instructs POFMA Office to Issue Targeted Correction Direction

Singapore – 6 September 2022: The Minister for National Development has instructed POFMA Office to issue a Targeted Correction Direction¹ to Meta Platforms, Inc. following the non-compliance² of Facebook page “The Alternative View” (TAV) with a Correction Direction³ issued to them on 4 September 2022.

2 The Targeted Correction Direction requires Meta Platforms to publish a Correction Notice to Facebook users in Singapore who have accessed the Facebook post of “The Alternative View” which carried the falsehood that HDB profits from the sale of the Central Weave @ AMK Build-To-Order flats.

3 For facts of the case, please refer to the Factually article, “Corrections regarding HDB’s BTO programme” (<https://www.gov.sg/article/factually040922>).

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 The Alternative View did not comply with the requirements of the Correction Direction issued to them on 4 September 2022, including not inserting the link to the Factually article which provides access to the correct facts, and not creating a new post containing the Correction Notice to be pinned to the top of their feed.

³ 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.

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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