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M/s Drew & Napier LLC 10 Collyer Quay #10-01 Ocean Financial Centre Singapore 049315

Attn: Mr Davinder Singh SC

Dear Sirs,

DEFAMATION

1. We refer to the above matter where we act for Mr Roy Ngerng Yi Ling and to your letter dated 18 May 2014.

COSTS

2. In relation to paragraph 12(d) whereby your client demands that our client pays your costs, kindly prevail upon your client that you are prohibited from demanding such costs under Rule 69 of the Professional Conduct Rules (1998) that states "An advocate and solicitor shall not, in his letter of demand, demand anything other than that recoverable by process of law". We wish to further draw your attention to Practice Directions and Rulings 1989, Chapter 1, paragraph 59 and Council of Law Society's Ethics Committee's Guidance dated 11th January 2007 which clearly enunciates the rationale why you are not entitled to costs.

DAMAGES

3. On the question of the damages, our client humbly beseeches your client to consider dropping the demand. This would be so as to not reduce our client to a most assuredly disadvantaged position. Our client is a civic-minded individual who earns his modest living as a health care worker. As such, our client's life-situation is not one that lends itself readily to disposing of great finances in payment of damages. Thus, our client seeks your client's kind understanding in ensuring that he remains afloat and continues in his work as a health care worker.

REMOVAL OF ARTICLE

4. In respect of paragraph 12 of your letter dated 18th May 2014, our client is agreeable to comply with paragraphs 12 (a) and has removed the subject Article from his blog (at https://thehearttruths.com/) and the links to the Article on his Facebook page (at https://www.facebook.com/sexiespider) and on The Heart Truths' Facebook page (at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/pages/I-want-the-government-and-people-to-work-together-for-Singapores-future/185331834935656)

APOLOGY AND UNDERTAKING

- 5. Our client recognises that the offending Article means and is understood to mean that Mr. Lee Hsien Loong, the Prime Minister of Singapore and Chairman of GIC, is guilty of criminal misappropriation of the monies paid by Singaporeans to the Central Provident Fund ("CPF").
- 6. Our client unreservedly apologises to Mr. Lee Hsien Loong for the distress and embarrassment caused to him by our client's allegation. He admits and acknowledges that this allegation is false and completely without foundation.
- 7. Our client will publish his apology and the undertaking on the homepage of his blog (http://thehearttruths.com/) tonight.
- 8. We understand that the Prime Minister had issued the letter of demand to the issue of 'misappropriation'. Your client will appreciate that the rest of the article, which had discussed Singaporeans' CPF issues in detail, was not touched on.
- 9. Our client welcomes an opportunity to have an open dialogue with the Prime Minister on the issue of CPF, to illustrate clearly how the CPF is being used in the public's interest.

10. Our client would like to take this opportunity to have a frank conversation with the Prime Minister, so that the transactions involving the CPF will be transparent to ordinary Singaporeans.

Yours faithfully,

M **K**avoi cc/client