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**FILING OF SUBSTANTIVE APPLICATION FOR
ORDER OF COMMITTAL AGAINST TAN LIANG JOO JOHN**

On 11 May 2018, the Attorney-General's Chambers ("AGC") filed an application with the High Court for an order of committal against Mr Tan Liang Joo John for contempt of court in connection with the publication of his 6 May 2018 Facebook post ("Mr Tan's Facebook post").

2 Mr Tan's Facebook post stated that the AGC's prosecution of Mr Wham Kwok Han Jolovan confirmed the truth of Mr Wham's assertion about the independence of the Singapore judiciary. Mr Wham's 27 April 2018 Facebook post ("Mr Wham's Facebook post") alleged that Malaysia's judges were more independent than Singapore's for cases with political implications. It is AGC's case that Mr Tan's Facebook post impugned the impartiality and integrity of Singapore's judicial system and posed a risk that public confidence in the administration of justice would be undermined. By further publicising Mr Wham's Facebook post and the allegation therein, Mr Tan had also committed contempt of court under s 3(1)(a) of the Administration of Justice (Protection) Act 2016.

3 Mr Tan has been notified of the proceedings, and served with all the necessary documents to allow him to respond in accordance with the Rules of Court.

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