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**RESPONSE TO MEDIA QUERIES  
ON THE OUTCOME OF INTERLOCUTORY APPLICATIONS  
INVOLVING MR LI SHENGWU**

On 3 February 2020, parties appeared before the High Court to seek directions on various applications that Mr Li Shengwu and the Attorney-General's Chambers ("AGC") had filed in the pending contempt proceedings against Mr Li.

2 The AGC had previously posed various questions to Mr Li for him to answer on oath. The AGC had also applied for Mr Li to produce certain documents referred to in his defence affidavit filed on 24 September 2019.

3 Mr Li refused to answer the questions posed to him by the AGC and applied to set them aside. He also applied for discovery of certain documents from the AGC.

4 On 2 December 2019, the court directed that the applications be heard today. Written legal submissions were due to be filed on 10 October 2019 and 28 January 2020. On 22 January 2020, Mr Li announced that he would no longer participate in these proceedings.

5 Today, the High Court dismissed Mr Li's applications. Mr Li is required to answer the questions that the AGC has posed to him, on oath, within 14 days.

6 Mr Li was further ordered to produce the documents referred to in his defence affidavit.

7 The Court also ordered Mr Li to attend the substantive committal proceedings to be cross-examined.

8 There remains one interlocutory application pending. This is the AGC's application for a declaration that Mr Li and his then lawyers had abused the court process. On or about 29 September 2019, Mr Li had instructed his lawyers to release copies of his defence affidavit to the media before the affidavit was admitted into evidence or referred to in any court hearing. This was a breach of paragraph 29A(3) of the Supreme Court Practice Directions, which prohibits such disclosure. The Court subsequently struck out portions of Mr Li's defence affidavit which contained scandalous and irrelevant material. Mr Li and his lawyers have since filed affidavits apologising for the breach. Parties will appear before the Court again on this application, at a later date.

9 Mr Li's lawyers have today discharged themselves from acting for Mr Li in these proceedings.

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