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APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY ATTORNEY-GENERAL

1 Justice Tan Siong Thye (陈祥泰) has been appointed as Deputy Attorney-General. Justice Tan – currently a Judge of the High Court – will end his term at the High Court on 1 February 2015 and assume office at the Attorney-General's Chambers on 2 February 2015. He is the Attorney-General's Chambers' first Deputy Attorney-General.

2 Said Attorney-General Mr V K Rajah S.C.:

"I am delighted by Justice Tan Siong Thye's appointment as the first Deputy Attorney-General ("DAG"). This is a new Constitutional appointment that has considerable significance. As DAG, he will work closely with me and the Solicitor-General Mr Lionel Yee S.C. to raise professional standards in the AGC and to better serve Singapore. He brings with him unique insights on the administration of justice and a tremendous wealth of experience in many areas, especially in criminal law and in management. His decades of experience will be particularly valuable in guiding and mentoring AGC officers as they handle increasingly complex and challenging cases. The AGC will be enormously strengthened by his appointment. I can think of no better person to serve as Singapore's first DAG."

3 The Office of the Deputy Attorney-General was established pursuant to the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment) Act 2014 which was passed by Parliament on 4 November 2014. This is a constitutional appointment where the Deputy Attorney-General is accorded the status of a High Court judge. The establishment of the office of the Deputy Attorney-General reflects the increasing volume and complexity of the legal work of the Government and the need for sufficient apex positions in the Executive for those pursuing a legal career in the public sector.