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APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY ATTORNEY-GENERAL

The Prime Minister's Office announced today that Mr Hri Kumar Nair S.C. has been appointed as Deputy Attorney-General. Mr Nair, currently a director at Drew and Napier, will assume office on 1 March 2017 for a term of three years. He will be the Attorney-General's Chambers' third Deputy Attorney-General and will join the team of Deputy Attorneys-General which includes Mr Tan Siong Thye S.C. and Mr Lionel Yee S.C.

2 After two years as Deputy Attorney-General, Mr Tan Siong Thye S.C. will be appointed as a Judge of the High Court with effect from 1 April 2017. Mr Tan had assumed office as the first Deputy Attorney-General on 2 February 2015.

3 Said Attorney-General, Mr Lucien Wong, "I am pleased that Mr Nair has been appointed as Deputy Attorney-General. Mr Nair brings with him extensive legal experience across multiple legal disciplines and is recognised as one of Singapore's top lawyers especially in the areas of litigation and arbitration. The Attorney-General's Chambers will be significantly strengthened by his appointment and I look forward to working closely with him. At the same time, I would like to thank Mr Tan for his years of service as our first Deputy Attorney-General. During his tenure, Mr Tan brought valuable insights to the Attorney-General's Chambers with his decades of experience in the administration of justice, criminal law and management. The Attorney-General's Chambers has

benefitted tremendously from Mr Tan's contributions and we wish him the very best in his new appointment."

4 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.

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