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## **OUTCOME OF MR LI SHENGWU'S APPEAL**

The Court of Appeal has dismissed Mr Li Shengwu's appeal against the High Court's refusal to set aside service of the contempt papers on him in the United States of America ("USA").

2 In so deciding, the Court of Appeal found that service out of jurisdiction by the Attorney-General on Mr Li in the USA was properly effected under O 11 r 1(n) of the Rules of Court read with s 7(1) of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act.

3 The contempt proceedings against Mr Li now move into the substantive stage.

4 The Court of Appeal also made some observations on the Attorney-General's Chambers ("AGC") making new arguments at the Appeal stage. These were raised in response to questions raised by the Court of Appeal. Nevertheless, AGC notes the Court's comments, and will stand guided by them.

5 AGC has always taken a strict view of contempt of court and prosecuted them when they are egregious. This approach dates from Singapore's independence. Protecting the courts from contempt has been one of the guiding principles of the Rule of Law in Singapore.

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