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Ministry of Law
100 High Street #08-02
The Treasury
Singapore 179434

via Email only

Dear Sirs,

1. We refer to your letter to us dated 16 November 2017.
2. Thank you for according us the opportunity to clarify your concerns over the misimpressions that may have arisen. Media reports that suggest Essex Court Chambers Duxton (Singapore Group Practice) ("**Essex Court Duxton**") was "set up" by, or is an "annexe" of, Essex Court Chambers in London ("**ECC**") or is a "Firm", make it apparent that the nature of Essex Court Duxton has not been clearly understood.
3. Essex Court Duxton is a Singapore Group Practice set up by 4 Singapore-qualified lawyers, all of whom are Singaporeans. It is modelled on a traditional barristers' chambers. The members practice individually despite being members of a set of chambers. They are not partners in a firm, nor are they employees. Even though the members of Essex Court Duxton are also members of ECC, Essex Court Duxton was not "set up" or "launched" by ECC; still less is Essex Court Duxton an "annexe" or "local brand" of ECC. Media reports that suggest otherwise are mistaken. Any communications that may have contributed to this were inadvertent.
4. Accordingly, members of our group practice had written to all the media outlets referred to, to point out the inaccuracies and ask that corrections be made.¹ In addition, the Press Release has been taken down from the ECC website so that it can be clarified in a manner which leaves no room for doubt. Future communications and publicity material will ensure more clarity that Essex Court Duxton is an independent Singapore Group Practice.
5. Please let us know if you need any further clarifications.

Yours faithfully



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¹ As attached in Annex A.