



CLARIFICATION IN RELATION TO THE ONLINE CITIZEN ARTICLES

Singapore, 29 May 2019 – The attention of the board of directors (the "**Board**" or "**Directors**") of Q & M Dental Group (Singapore) Limited ("**Q & M**" or the "**Company**", and together with its subsidiaries, the "**Group**") has been brought to the following articles published on The Online Citizen ("**TOC**"):

- a. the article entitled "Dentists up in arms, call for Special General Meeting over proposed new framework which will affect public" published on 4 May 2019; and
- b. the article entitled "Conflict of interest in national dental matter? Report filed with CPIB" published on 24 May 2019,

(collectively, the "**TOC Articles**").

The TOC Articles assert, amongst other things, that Q & M is at the forefront of a new proposed framework to be implemented by the Singapore Dental Council ("**SDC**") requiring general practitioners to undergo additional training in order to obtain a Certificate of Competencies ("**COC**") before they can perform more complex procedures such as wisdom teeth surgery and placement of dental implants. The TOC Articles also assert a connection between the proposed COC framework and the Group's plans for the formation of Q & M College of Dentistry ("**QMCD**").

Both the assertions are untrue and baseless.

The Group has not taken and does not intend to take any position on the proposed framework and the implementation of the COC. The Group is of the view that this is a matter for the Singapore dental profession to determine and decide collectively. There are different viewpoints on the need for the COC, validly held and honestly felt by individual dentists. The continuation of open and sincere dialogue, carried out in an honourable manner, is in the best interests of the profession.

The Group unequivocally states that the formation of QMCD is unconnected with the COC proposal. The Group's initiatives to train its dentists and to ensure the maintenance of professional standards and excellence have been in place since its inception. Q & M Dental

Institute ("**QDI**"), the predecessor of QMCD, was started in 2008 for the continual professional development of the Group's dentists through the conduct of various workshops, lectures and accredited continuing dental education activities targeted at keeping the dentists of the Group abreast with the latest technological developments and findings in evidence-based practice. Building upon the foundation created by the positive response to the activities conducted by QDI, QMCD aims to provide a one-stop shop for the provision of structured and comprehensive post-graduate dental programmes covering a wide variety of practice areas. The Group's future plans for QMCD will continue whether or not the COC framework is implemented. The Group's expansion of its structured post-graduate education with the formation of QMCD further ensures that the dentists of the Group and eventually other dental practitioners within the region (both outside and within the Group) will have an avenue to upgrade and improve their skill-sets.

As a large private dental healthcare provider in Singapore, the Group has been one of the market leaders in the private dental healthcare services industry for over 10 years. With technological innovations such as Computer-Aided Design/Computer-Aided Manufacturing (CAD/CAM) dentistry, the Company remains at the forefront of the industry by ensuring that all practitioners within the Group are exposed to the latest technologies and have the resources and know-how to provide the best care for our patients. Prioritising patient welfare has always been central to the Group's vision and mission, and the provision of high quality dental services is key to the continued success of the Group.

The Group takes the allegations reported in the TOC Articles seriously and the Board will determine the appropriate course of action to be undertaken in the interests of the shareholders.

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