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PRESS STATEMENT

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KARATE CLUBS DISMISSED FROM SINGAPORE KARATE-DO FEDERATION AS AFFILIATE CLUBS

DISMISSAL OF AFFILIATES

1. Singapore Karate-Do Federation (SKF) wishes to announce that following hearings conducted by a Disciplinary Committee (DC) chaired by lawyer Mr Wee Pan Lee, seven affiliate clubs have been ordered by the DC to be dismissed and removed as affiliates of the Singapore Karate-Do Federation.
2. The seven affiliated clubs dismissed and removed are:
 - 1) KARATE-DO GOJU-KAI (UEN S90SS003A)
 - 2) SHITORYU KARATE ASSOCIATION (UENS64SS0051H) -
hereinafter refer to as SKA
 - 3) KEN SHIN KAI KARATE CLUB (UENS97SS0057H) -
hereinafter refer to as KSKKC

- 4) GOJU-RYU KARATE-DO SEIWA-KAI (SINGAPORE)
(S89SS0042H) - *hereinafter refer to as* **GKS**
- 5) HAYASHI-HA SHITORYUKAI KARATE-DO (SINGAPORE)
(UENT00SS0034G)
- 6) SINGAPORE SHOTOKAN KARATE CLUB (UENS76SS0002C)
- *hereinafter refer to as* **SSKC**
- 7) ZEN SHIN REN KARATE-DO ASSOCIATION (SINGAPORE)
(UEN S88SS0002E) - *hereinafter refer to as* **ZSR**

3. The hearings of the charges against the 7 clubs were first conducted on 1 November 2010. Only 2 clubs attended the hearings. They are:

- 1) KARATE-DO GOJU-KAI (UEN S90SS003A) - *hereinafter refer to as* **KGS**
- 2) HAYASHI-HA SHITORYUKAI KARATE-DO (SINGAPORE)
(UENT00SS0034G) - *hereinafter refer to as* **HSK**

4. KGS was represented by their legal Counsel, and at the initial hearing, he requested for a 3 weeks adjournment, which was granted and directions given. Accordingly, the hearing was adjourned to 3 December 2010.

5. HSK was not legally represented. The Club President Mr Michael Sim opted to represent its club personally on 1st Nov 2010. After the hearing

had commenced, the hearing was adjourned to 4 November 2010 at his request.

6. SKF was represented by Mr Anthony Lee and assisted by Ms Pua Lee Siang from the law firm M/s Bih Li & Lee.

7. The DC members are:

- 1) Mr Wee Pan Lee – Chairman
- 2) Mr Huang Ee Choon – Member
- 3) Mr Thum Wai Tuck - Member

8. **THE CHARGES AGAINST KGS:**

1st CHARGE

“THAT YOU, KARATE-DO GOJU-KAI, UEN S90SS003A, acted in breach of Rules 3a, 3b and 3c of the Rules and Regulations of the Singapore Karate-Do Federation (“SKF”) in that you, in April-July 2009, while still an affiliate of SKF, became a member, and which as at the date hereof remains a member, of a society known as Karate-Do Union of Singapore, UEN T09SS0138E (“KUS”) which seeks to and/or has attempted to usurp the position of SKF as the controlling body of all Karate-Do clubs and matters in Singapore and/or to be recognized as the National Sports Association for Karate-Do in Singapore affiliated to the Singapore National Olympic Council in place of SKF.”

2nd CHARGE

“THAT YOU, KARATE-DO GOJU-KAI, UEN S90SS003A while still an affiliate of Singapore Karate-Do Federation (“SKF”), made or caused to be made or authorized to be made by Karate-Do Union of Singapore, UEN T09SS0138E (“KUS”) of which you are a member, the following statements or statements to that effect, which are detrimental to the reputation of the SKF under Rule 32 of the Rules and Regulations of SKF, to the press, which were published in an article under the heading “*Karatekas Seek Change*” on page B11 of The Straits Times dated 20 May 2010:

- (a) *“He [Anil Ratty, president of the KUS and SKA] added: ”They do not have a constitutional mandate to steer the SKF forward. Ratty’s grievances do not end there. He claims that although the seven member clubs (which formed the KUS) are still members of the SKF, they have not received any notice of AGMs or management committee meetings from the NSA since 2009.”*

- (b) *“According to KUS secretary-general Chia Kwek Fah, a former secretary of the SKF for eight years, his club Ken Shin Kai Karate paid the annual membership fee for 2009 and 2010 but e-mails and calls to the SKF have gone unanswered.”*

(“Statements”)

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- (a) The Management Committee of SKF does not have a constitutional mandate to steer the SKF forward.
- (b) SKF had wrongfully failed to give notice of AGMs or management committee meetings to 7 members.
- (c) SKF had wrongfully failed to attend to and/or reply to emails and calls from its member, *Ken Shin Kai Karate*, who had paid SKF the annual membership fee for 2009 and 2010.

You intended, or knew, or had reason to believe that the publication of the Statements would be detrimental to the reputation of SKF.”

3rd CHARGE

“THAT YOU, KARATE-DO GOJU-KAI, UEN S90SS003A acted in breach of Rule 32 of the Rules and Regulations of the SKF in that you published or send, or caused to be published or send, an email to the Straits Times forum, copied to various other parties, on 12th April 2009 containing confidential matters relating to the Settlement Agreement entered into between you and the SKF in Mediation No. ADR Sports 01 of 2008 (OS No 830 of 2008Y), which not only contravened the terms of

the said Settlement Agreement but was also detrimental to the reputation of the SKF.”

- (A) At the adjourned hearing on 3 December 2010, Counsel for KGS objected to the inclusion of Mr Huang and Mr Thum as members of the DC on the grounds that both were members and/or committee members of affiliates of the SKF.
- (B) SKF Counsel responded that the application was misconceived and without merits.
- (C) The DC after due deliberation, decided not to accede to KGS Counsel application for the following reasons:
 - a. KGS Counsel was directed by DC to make his objections (if any) to the composition of the DC 10 days before 3 December 2010. He only did so by letter dated 24 November 2010, which was received by the Chairman’s Office on 29 November 2010. Counsel had not complied with the direction.
 - b. Mr Huang and Mr Thum were members of the MC of SKF. The MC delegated the task of the whole disciplinary process to the DC, and the prosecution thereof to the counsel. As such, apart from the decision to delegate, the MC of SKF made no decision on the charges or the facts upon which the charges were based.

- c. KGS Counsel was unable to specify what real or apparent prejudice his clients would suffer with the presence of both Mr Huang and Mr Thum in the DC.
- (D) Thereafter, KGS Counsel informed the DC they did not wish to partake in the proceedings.
- (E) KGS Counsel was informed that the DC would proceed with the hearing and urged them to participate. SKF Counsel also drew the attention of KGS Counsel to the court decisions in Australian Workers Union v. Bowen and Chiam See Tong v SDP.
- (F) KGS Counsel and their clients however decided to leave the hearing and did so. The hearing therefore proceeded without their participation.

THE DECISION

- (a) The DC found KGS in breach of Rules 3a, 3b, and 3c of the Rules and Regulations of SKF in that, while still an affiliate of SKF, KGS became a member and remained a member of KUS whose object was to usurp the position of SKF as the controlling body of all Karate-Do clubs and matters in Singapore and/or to be recognized as the NSA for Karate-Do in Singapore affiliated to the Singapore National Olympic Council in place of SKF.

- (b) The DC found KGS in breach of Rule 32 of the Rules and Regulations of SKF in that as a member of KUS, it made, or caused it to be made, or authorized to be made, statements which were published in the Straits Times article on 20 May 2010 knowing or intending that the publication of the statements would be detrimental to the reputation of SKF.
- (c) The DC found that KGS was in breach of Rule 30 of the Rules and Regulations of the SKF in that the email of 12 April 2009 made reference to the terms of the Settlement Agreement and it was sent to various parties who were not involved in the mediation.

The DC after studying the Rules and Regulations of the SKF, concluded that Rule 32 provides that *“Any affiliate having been proved to have acted against the Rules and Regulations or done anything detrimental to the reputation of the Federation shall be dismissed”*.

Accordingly, the DC made the following orders:

- (a) On the 1st Charge, KGS is found guilty. Consequently, KGS is ordered to be dismissed from SKF.
- (b) On the 2nd Charge, KGS is found guilty. Consequently, KGS is ordered to be dismissed from SKF.
- (c) On the 3rd Charge, KGS is found guilty. Consequently, KGS is ordered to be dismissed from SKF.

9. THE CHARGES AGAINST SKA:

1st CHARGE

“THAT YOU, SHITORYU KARATE ASSOCIATION, UEN S64SS0051H acted in breach of Rules 3a, 3b and 3c of the Rules and Regulations of the Singapore Karate-Do Federation (“SKF”) in that you, in April-July 2009, while still an affiliate of SKF, became a member, and which as at the date hereof remains a member, of a society known as Karate-Do Union of Singapore, UEN T09SS0138E (“KUS”) which seeks to and/or has attempted to usurp the position of SKF as the controlling body of all Karate-Do clubs and matters in Singapore and/or to be recognized as the National Sports Association for Karate-Do in Singapore affiliated to the Singapore National Olympic Council in place of SKF.”

2nd CHARGE

“THAT YOU, SHITORYU KARATE ASSOCIATION, UEN S64SS0051H while still an affiliate of Singapore Karate-Do Federation (“SKF”), made or caused to be made or authorized to be made by Karate-Do Union of Singapore, UEN T09SS0138E (“KUS”) of which you are a member, the following statements or statements to that effect, which are detrimental to the reputation of the SKF under Rule 32 of the Rules and Regulations of SKF, to the press, which were published in an article under the heading *“Karatekas Seek Change”* on page B11 of The Straits Times dated 20 May 2010:

- (a) *“He [Anil Ratty, president of the KUS and SKA] added: ”They do not have a constitutional mandate to steer the SKF forward. Ratty’s grievances do not end there. He claims that although the seven member clubs (which formed the KUS) are still members of the SKF, they have not received any notice of AGMs or management committee meetings from the NSA since 2009.”*
- (b) *“According to KUS secretary-general Chia Kwek Fah, a former secretary of the SKF for eight years, his club Ken Shin Kai Karate paid the annual membership fee for 2009 and 2010 but e-mails and calls to the SKF have gone unanswered.”*

(“Statements”)

You knew and intended that the Statements would be republished in the press, and/or authorized their repetition.

In their natural and ordinary meaning, the Statements meant and/or were understood to mean:

- (a) The Management Committee of SKF does not have a constitutional mandate to steer the SKF forward.
- (b) SKF had wrongfully failed to give notice of AGMs or management committee meetings to 7 members.
- (c) SKF had wrongfully failed to attend to and/or reply to emails and calls from its member, *Ken Shin Kai Karate*, who had paid SKF the annual membership fee for 2009 and 2010.

You intended, or knew, or had reason to believe that the publication of the Statements would be detrimental to the reputation of SKF.”

3rd CHARGE

“THAT YOU, SHITORYU KARATE ASSOCIATION, UEN S64SS0051H acted in breach of Rule 30 of the Rules and Regulations of the Singapore Karate-Do Federation (“SKF”) in that you had failed to apply in writing for approval from SKF before leaving the country for performance or competition in:

- (a) the 2nd Indonesian Open Karate Championship 2010 in Bali, Indonesia from 23 September 2010 to 26 September 2010;
 - (b) the 12th APSKF Championship Jakarta – 2010 in Jakarta, Indonesia from 30 June 2010 to 4 July 2010; and
 - (c) the AAK International Karate-do Championships at Pasay City, Philippines, from 26 February 2010 to 28 February 2010.”
- (A) Shitoryu Karate Association (SKA) after having been duly notified of the Charges and the hearing, chose to be absent and did not appear before the DC.**

THE DECISION

- (a) The DC found SKA in breach of Rules 3a, 3b, and 3c of the Rules and Regulations of SKF in that, while still an affiliate of SKF, KGS became a member and remained a member of KUS whose object was to usurp the position of SKF as the controlling body of all Karate-Do clubs and matters in Singapore and/or to be recognized as the NSA for Karate-Do in Singapore affiliated to the Singapore National Olympic Council in place of SKF.
- (b) The DC found SKA in breach of Rule 32 of the Rules and Regulations of SKF in that as a member of KUS, it made, or caused it to be made, or authorized to be made, statements which were published in the Straits Times article on 20 May 2010 knowing or intending that the publication of the statements would be detrimental to the reputation of SKF.
- (c) On the Third Charge, the DC found that SKA was not in breach of Rule 30 of the Rules and Regulations of the SKF in that although the documents showed that a SKA member, namely Subadevan s/o Mahadevan, did participate in the event in Indonesia, there was no evidence that he was sent there by SKA.

Accordingly, the DC made the following orders:

- (a) On the 1st Charge, SKA is found guilty. Consequently, SKA is ordered to be dismissed from SKF.

- (b) On the 2nd Charge, SKA is found guilty. Consequently, SKA is ordered to be dismissed from SKF.
- (c) On the 3rd Charge, SKA is found not guilty. Consequently, the 3rd charge against SKA is dismissed.

10. THE CHARGES AGAINST KSKKC:

1st CHARGE

“THAT YOU, KEN SHIN KAI KARATE CLUB, UEN S97SS0057H acted in breach of Rules 3a, 3b and 3c of the Rules and Regulations of the Singapore Karate-Do Federation (“SKF”) in that you, in April-July 2009, while still an affiliate of SKF, became a member, and which as at the date hereof remains a member, of a society known as Karate-Do Union of Singapore, UEN T09SS0138E (“KUS”) which seeks to and/or has attempted to usurp the position of SKF as the controlling body of all Karate-Do clubs and matters in Singapore and/or to be recognized as the National Sports Association for Karate-Do in Singapore and/or to be recognized as the National Sports Association for Karate-Do in Singapore affiliated to the Singapore National Olympic Council in place of SKF.”

2nd CHARGE

“THAT YOU, KEN SHIN KAI KARATE CLUB, UEN S97SS0057H while still an affiliate of Singapore Karate-Do Federation (“SKF”), made

or caused to be made or authorized to be made by Karate-Do Union of Singapore, UEN T09SS0138E (“KUS”) of which you are a member, the following statements or statements to that effect, which are detrimental to the reputation of the SKF under Rule 32 of the Rules and Regulations of SKF, to the press, which were published in an article under the heading “*Karatekas Seek Change*” on page B11 of The Straits Times dated 20 May 2010:

- (a) *“He [Anil Ratty, president of the KUS and SKA] added: ”They do not have a constitutional mandate to steer the SKF forward. Ratty’s grievances do not end there. He claims that although the seven member clubs (which formed the KUS) are still members of the SKF, they have not received any notice of AGMs or management committee meetings from the NSA since 2009.”*

- (b) *“According to KUS secretary-general Chia Kwek Fah, a former secretary of the SKF for eight years, his club Ken Shin Kai Karate paid the annual membership fee for 2009 and 2010 but e-mails and calls to the SKF have gone unanswered.”*

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You knew and intended that the Statements would be republished in the press, and/or authorized their repetition.

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- (a) The Management Committee of SKF does not have a constitutional mandate to steer the SKF forward.
- (b) SKF had wrongfully failed to give notice of AGMs or management committee meetings to 7 members.
- (c) SKF had wrongfully failed to attend to and/or reply to emails and calls from its member, *Ken Shin Kai Karate*, who had paid SKF the annual membership fee for 2009 and 2010.

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3rd CHARGE

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- (a) the 2nd Indonesian Open Karate Championship 2010 in Bali, Indonesia from 23 September 2010 to 26 September 2010; and
- (b) the 12th APSKF Championship Jakarta – 2010 in Jakarta, Indonesia from 30 June 2010 to 4 July 2010.”

- (A) KEN SHIN KAI KARATE CLUB (KSK) after having been duly notified of the Charges and the hearing, chose to be absent and did not appear before the DC.

THE DECISION

- (a) The 1st Charge has been proved. The DC found KSK in breach of Rules 3a, 3b, and 3c of the Rules and Regulations of SKF in that, while still an affiliates of SKF, KSK became a member and remained a member of KUS whose object was to usurp the position of SKF as the controlling body of all Karate-Do clubs and matters in Singapore and/or to be recognized as the NSA for Karate-Do in Singapore affiliated to the Singapore National Olympic Council in place of SKF.
- (b) The 2nd Charge has been proved. The DC found KSK in breach of Rule 32 of the Rules and Regulations of SKF in that as a member of KUS, it made, or caused it to be made, or authorized to be made, statements which were published in the Straits Times article on 20 May 2010 knowing or intending that the publication of the statements would be detrimental to the reputation of SKF.
- (c) The 3rd Charge has not been proved. The DC found that KSK was not in breach of Rule 30 of the Rules and Regulations of the SKF in that although the documents showed that a KSK member, namely Esther Tan Shi Xuan, did participate in the event in Indonesia, there was no evidence that she was sent there by KSK.

Accordingly, the DC made the following orders:

- (a) On the 1st Charge, KSK is found guilty. Consequently, KSK is ordered to be dismissed from SKF.
- (b) On the 2nd Charge, KSK is found guilty. Consequently, KSK is ordered to be dismissed from SKF.
- (c) On the 3rd Charge, KSK is found not guilty. Consequently, the 3rd charge against KSK is dismissed.

11. THE CHARGES AGAINST GKS:

1st CHARGE

“THAT YOU, GOJU-RYU KARATE-DO SEIWA-KAI (SINGAPORE), UEN S89SS0042H acted in breach of Rules 3a, 3b and 3c of the Rules and Regulations of the Singapore Karate-Do Federation (“SKF”) in that you, in April-July 2009, while still an affiliate of SKF, became a member, and which as at the date hereof remains a member, of a society known as Karate-Do Union of Singapore, UEN T09SS0138E (“KUS”) which seeks to and/or has attempted to usurp the position of SKF as the controlling body of all Karate-Do clubs and matters in Singapore and/or to be recognized as the National Sports Association for Karate-Do

in Singapore affiliated to the Singapore National Olympic Council in place of SKF.”

2nd CHARGE

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- (b) *“According to KUS secretary-general Chia Kwek Fah, a former secretary of the SKF for eight years, his club Ken Shin Kai Karate paid the annual membership fee for 2009 and 2010 but e-mails and calls to the SKF have gone unanswered.”*

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- (A) GOJU-RYU KARATE-DO SEIWA-KAI (SINGAPORE) – (GKS) after having been duly notified of the Charges and the hearing, chose to be absent and did not appear before the DC.

THE DECISION

- (a) The DC found GSK in breach of Rules 3a, 3b, and 3c of the Rules and Regulations of SKF in that, while still an affiliates of SKF, GSK became a member and remained a member of KUS whose object was to usurp the position of SKF as the controlling body of all Karate-Do clubs and matters in Singapore and/or to be recognized as the NSA for Karate-Do in Singapore affiliated to the Singapore National Olympic Council in place of SKF.

- (b) The DC found GSK in breach of Rule 32 of the Rules and Regulations of SKF in that as a member of KUS, it made, or caused it to be made, or authorized to be made, statements which were published in the Straits Times article on 20 May 2010 knowing or intending that the publication of the statements would be detrimental to the reputation of SKF.

Accordingly, the DC made the following orders:

- (a) On the 1st Charge, GSK is found guilty. Consequently, GSK is ordered to be dismissed from SKF.

- (b) On the 2nd Charge, GSK is found guilty. Consequently, GSK is ordered to be dismissed from SKF.

12. THE CHARGES AGAINST HSK :

1st CHARGE

“THAT YOU, HAYASHI-HA SHITORYUKAI KARATE-DO (SINGAPORE), UEN T00SS0034G acted in breach of Rules 3a, 3b and 3c of the Rules and Regulations of the Singapore Karate-Do Federation (“SKF”) in that you, in April-July 2009, while still an affiliate of SKF, became a member, and which as at the date hereof remains a member, of a society known as Karate-Do Union of Singapore, UEN T09SS0138E (“KUS”) which seeks to and/or has attempted to usurp the position of SKF as the controlling body of all Karate-Do clubs and matters in Singapore and/or to be recognized as the National Sports Association for Karate-Do in Singapore affiliated to the Singapore National Olympic Council in place of SKF.”

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- (A) HAYASHI-HA SHITORYUKAI KARATE-DO (SINGAPORE) – (HSK) was represented by its President Mr Michael Sim. The hearing was conducted on 1st and 4th November 2010.

THE DECISION

- (a) The DC found that notwithstanding that HSK had resigned from KUS, its resignation took effect from 1 November 2010 and that in the time frame of April-July 2009, HSK was in breach of Rules 3a, 3b, and 3c of the Rules and Regulations of SKF in that, while still an affiliate of SKF, HSK became a member and remained a member of KUS whose object was to usurp the position of SKF as the controlling body of all Karate-Do clubs and matters in Singapore and/or to be recognized as the NSA for Karate-Do in Singapore affiliated to the Singapore National Olympic Council in place of SKF.
- (b) Notwithstanding the resignation, the resignation letter did not distance HSK from the statements in the newspaper article. The DC therefore

found HSK in breach of Rule 32 of the Rules and Regulations of SKF in that as a member of KUS, it made or caused it to be made, or authorized to be made, statements which were published in the Straits Times article on 20 May 2010 knowing or intending that the publication of the statements would be detrimental to the reputation of SKF.

Accordingly, the DC made the following orders:

- (a) On the 1st Charge, HSK is found guilty. Consequently, HSK is ordered to be dismissed from SKF.
- (b) On the 2nd Charge, HSK is found guilty. Consequently, HSK is ordered to be dismissed from SKF.

13. THE CHARGES AGAINST SSKC:

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- (A) SINGAPORE SHOTOKAN KARATE CLUB – (SSKC) after having been duly notified of the Charges and the hearing, chose to be absent and did not appear before the DC.

THE DECISION

- (a) The DC found SSKC in breach of Rules 3a, 3b, and 3c of the Rules and Regulations of SKF in that, while still an affiliate of SKF, SSKC became a member and remained a member of KUS whose object was to usurp the position of SKF as the controlling body of all Karate-Do clubs and matters in Singapore and/or to be recognized as the NSA for Karate-Do in Singapore affiliated to the Singapore National Olympic Council in place of SKF.

- (b) The DC found SSKC in breach of Rule 32 of the Rules and Regulations of SKF in that as a member of KUS, it made, or caused it to be made, or authorized to be made, statements which were published in the Straits Times article on 20 May 2010 knowing or intending that the publication of the statements would be detrimental to the reputation of SKF.

Accordingly, the DC made the following orders:

- (a) On the 1st Charge, SSKC is found guilty. Consequently, SSKC is ordered to be dismissed from SKF.

- (b) On the 2nd Charge, SSKC is found guilty. Consequently, SSKC is ordered to be dismissed from SKF.

14. THE CHARGES AGAINST ZSR:

1st CHARGE

“THAT YOU, ZEN SHIN REN KARATE-DO ASSOCIATION (SINGAPORE), UEN S88SS0002E acted in breach of Rules 3a, 3b and 3c of the Rules and Regulations of the Singapore Karate-Do Federation (“SKF”) in that you, in April-July 2009, while still an affiliate of SKF, became a member, and which as at the date hereof remains a member, of a society known as Karate-Do Union of Singapore, UEN T09SS0138E (“KUS”) which seeks to and/or has attempted to usurp the position of SKF as the controlling body of all Karate-Do clubs and matters in Singapore and/or to be recognized as the National Sports Association for Karate-Do in Singapore affiliated to the Singapore National Olympic Council in place of SKF.”

2nd CHARGE

“THAT YOU, ZEN SHIN REN KARATE-DO ASSOCIATION (SINGAPORE), UEN S88SS0002E while still an affiliate of Singapore Karate-Do Federation (“SKF”), made or caused to be made or authorized to be made by Karate-Do Union of Singapore, UEN T09SS0138E (“KUS”) of which you are a member, the following statements or statements to that effect, which are detrimental to the reputation of the SKF under Rule 32 of the Rules and Regulations of SKF, to the press, which were published in an article under the heading “*Karatekas Seek Change*” on page B11 of The Straits Times dated 20 May 2010:

- (a) *“He [Anil Ratty, president of the KUS and SKA] added: ”They do not have a constitutional mandate to steer the SKF forward. Ratty’s grievances do not end there. He claims that although the seven member clubs (which formed the KUS) are still members of the SKF, they have not received any notice of AGMs or management committee meetings from the NSA since 2009.”*

- (b) *“According to KUS secretary-general Chia Kwek Fah, a former secretary of the SKF for eight years, his club Ken Shin Kai Karate paid the annual membership fee for 2009 and 2010 but e-mails and calls to the SKF have gone unanswered.”*

(“Statements”)

You knew and intended that the Statements would be republished in the press, and/or authorized their repetition.

In their natural and ordinary meaning, the Statements meant and/or were understood to mean:

- (a) The Management Committee of SKF does not have a constitutional mandate to steer the SKF forward.

- (b) SKF had wrongfully failed to give notice of AGMs or management committee meetings to 7 members.

- (c) SKF had wrongfully failed to attend to and/or reply to emails and calls from its member, *Ken Shin Kai Karate*, who had paid SKF the annual membership fee for 2009 and 2010.

You intended, or knew, or had reason to believe that the publication of the Statements would be detrimental to the reputation of SKF.”

- (A) ZEN SHIN REN KARATE-DO ASSOCIATION (SINGAPORE) – (ZSR) after having been duly notified of the Charges and the hearing, chose to be absent and did not appear before the DC.

THE DECISION

- (a) The DC found ZSR in breach of Rules 3a, 3b, and 3c of the Rules and Regulations of SKF in that, while still an affiliate of SKF, ZSR became a member and remained a member of KUS whose object was to usurp the position of SKF as the controlling body of all Karate-Do clubs and matters in Singapore and/or to be recognized as the NSA for Karate-Do in Singapore affiliated to the Singapore National Olympic Council in place of SKF.
- (b) The DC found ZSR in breach of Rule 32 of the Rules and Regulations of SKF in that as a member of KUS, it made, or caused it to be made, or authorized to be made, statements which were published in the Straits Times article on 20 May 2010 knowing or intending that the publication of the statements would be detrimental to the reputation of SKF.

Accordingly, the DC made the following orders:

- (a) On the 1st Charge, ZSR is found guilty. Consequently, ZSR is ordered to be dismissed from SKF.
- (b) On the 2nd Charge, ZSR is found guilty. Consequently, ZSR is ordered to be dismissed from SKF.

15. SINGAPORE KARATE-DO FEDERATION

As the National Sports Association in-charge of the sports of Karate-Do, the SKF will continue to maintain strict standards of conduct and discipline for its associates so that the sports and its standing will not be brought to disrepute.

The SKF will be embarking on an active work schedule with many activities planned for the promotion and interest in the sports this year, and look forward to the support and participation of all their affiliates and the public.

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