

**INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION PUBLIC INQUIRY
INTO OPERATION AERO**

SECOND WITNESS STATEMENT OF KENRICK CHEAH

I, **Kenrick Cheah**, of [REDACTED] state as follows:

1. I was reading the transcript of my evidence and realised I made an error when answering questions on an issue raised by Counsel Assisting, Mr Robertson. The error is in my answer at page 169T, line 11 of the transcript concerning the state of my knowledge as at April 2015 in respect of the business activities of Mr Huang and the Yuhu Group.
2. Prior to my answer at 169T, Mr Robertson had asked me several times whether I knew the Yuhu Group or Mr Huang to be in property development as at April 2015. I refer to page 71T, lines 29 and 42; page 72T, lines 5 and 12; page 75T, lines 16 and 20; and page 147T, line 26 of the transcript.
3. On each of those occasions I answered Mr Robertson in the negative. That is, I said that I did not know the Yuhu Group or Mr Huang to be in property development as at April 2015. At that time, I said I understood Mr Huang and Yuhu Group were in agriculture.
4. When, on the Monday 26 August 2019, Mr Robertson showed me the emails of 15 January 2015 (Exhibit 162), I agreed that, as at January 2015, I knew that Yuhu Group was a (federal) party donor on a large scale: I refer to page 75T, line 6 of the transcript. There is no reference to Mr Huang or property development in the emails of Exhibit 162, nor to Yuhu Group being a property developer.
5. Having seen the emails of 15 January 2015 in Exhibit 162, I continued to answer Mr Robertson's (two) follow up questions in the negative – that is, I did not know Yuhu Group or Mr Huang to be in property development as at April 2015: I refer to page 75T, lines 16 and 20 of the transcript.
6. When, on the following day (Tuesday 27 August 2019), Mr Robertson told me that my evidence from the day before (being the Monday) was that I didn't know Mr Huang

was a property developer, I initially agreed with him: I refer to page 146T, line 30 and page 147T, line 1 of the transcript.

7. However, in answering Mr Robertson thereafter, I said that I thought I had been found to be “mistaken” based on the emails in Exhibit 162. I somehow came to believe that the emails at Exhibit 162 had proven me wrong because (I thought) they made mention of Mr Huang or Yuhu being involved in property development. They did not.
8. When, on Tuesday afternoon, Mr Robertson asked me (for the eighth time) whether I knew Yuhu Group or Mr Huang to be in property development as at April 2015 (I refer to page 169T, line 11), I incorrectly answered “yes”. I based my answer on my mistaken belief that the emails of 15 January 2015 in Exhibit 162 confirmed this. I did not then have the Exhibit 162 emails in front of me and, after nearly two days being in the witness box, I had confused ‘large scale donor’ with ‘property developer’ in my mind.
9. I acknowledge that my answers to Counsel Assisting’s later questions as to the state of my knowledge of Yuhu and Mr Huang’s involvement in property development appear to be quite clear that I was aware. However, those answers were given because of what I believed the content of Exhibit 162 to be. I was wrong about that.
10. I maintain that my original answers were correct. As at April 2015, I did not know Mr Huang or Yuhu Group to be in property development. I had thought the Yuhu Group was involved in the agricultural industry at that stage.
11. The facts set out in this statement are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

DATED: 30 August 2019.



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Kenrick Cheah