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## PwC announces a strategic new hire in the expansion of its global Forensic Disputes team

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Singapore, 27 September 2018 – PwC welcomes new partner Michael Peer to the South East Asian Consulting Forensic Disputes team in Singapore.

Michael has provided expert witness testimony in arbitration matters across numerous industries. He has assisted clients with disputes involving investor state disagreements, commercial disputes and disputes between states. Michael has worked in North America, Europe, the Caribbean and the Middle East, and is attuned to cultural issues at the heart of disputes. Michael has testified before various local courts, including the High Court in the UK.

Commenting on his new appointment, Michael Peer, Dispute Advisory Leader, PwC South East Asia Consulting said:

"I'm thrilled to be joining PwC and joining the Forensics Dispute Advisory team. We've seen some significant growth in the volume of arbitration related work in recent years. PwC has a strong core team and I'm looking forward to working with them to build out our global team and help our clients address the complex issues arising in business today".

While originally trained as a Chartered Professional Accountant in Canada (CA - CPA), he is a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) with a focus on business valuations. Having received his LLM, he is a fellow of the Chartered institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb). He has been included in the independently compiled list of global international arbitration experts by Law Business Research, since the inception of the list. In this list, he has been described as "a standout name in the market, highlighted as a first-rate expert witness in both commercial and investor state arbitration proceedings", "extremely sharp, commercially minded and very composed under cross-examination", "tremendous reputation, driven by the quality of his work", "one of the foremost experts in Europe", "impressive", and "gives brilliant valuations testimony".

John Fisher, Global leader of PwC's Disputes team said:

"We're absolutely delighted to have Michael joining our global team. He's an outstanding expert and adds weight to the practice in Singapore and globally. Michael is our second strategic hire, following Tim Allen in London in 2016. We're confident that the combination of high calibre forensics and technology specialists makes PwC one of the strongest practices in the area of dispute advisory services globally."

Sam Kok Weng, Markets Leader, PwC Singapore said:

"We warmly welcome Michael to Singapore. Singapore is poised for exponential growth in the area of International Arbitration, and I am confident that his wealth of experience will greatly contribute to the strategic expansion of our Forensics team in our South East Asia Consulting practice."

PwC's Forensics team of over 3,400 specialists in over 123 countries helps companies prepare for, respond to and emerge stronger from unplanned events. PwC's Forensic Disputes team works closely with others from across the PwC network to advise clients facing dispute situations, be that litigation, International Arbitration or investment treaty matters. Working with PwC's industry, economics and valuation experts, our specialist forensic team provides advice on the financial aspects of claims, advising clients through

the dispute resolution process and providing independent expert witness evidence.

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