PRESS STATEMENT FROM THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

Mr Eugene Yap Giau Cheng, Senior Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministers for Trade and Industry, and for the Environment has requested to return to the private sector. The Prime Minister has agreed. Mr Yap's letter and the Prime Minister's reply are attached.

The President has approved Mr Yap's resignation as Senior Parliamentary Secretary with effect from 26 January 1990. Mr Yap will however continue to be the Member of Parliament for Mountbatten.

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SENIOR PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY
MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT
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REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

Prime Minister

Dear PM

Nearly eleven months ago, I had a discussion with Goh Chok Tong regarding the phase of my working life after forty-five. I told him that I had decided to go back to the private sector. PM, I want you to be the first to know that I have decided to join the Hai Sun Hup Group as its Deputy Chairman. This company has just been publicly listed in the Stock Exchange of Singapore and has ambitious plans to expand its business internationally. In addition, I will also be Chairman of SVC Pte Ltd. I plan to relinquish the posts of Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of the Environment and Ministry of Trade & Industry on 26 January 1990.

2 PM, I feel honoured to have been able to serve you during your tenure of leadership. I have learnt a lot.

Yours sincerely

EUGENE YAP

cc Mr Goh Chok Tong
1DPM & Minister for Defence

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Prime Minister
Singapore

2 January 1990

Mr Eugene Yap
Senior Parliamentary Secretary
Ministry of the Environment

Dear Eugene

Thank you for your letter 2 January to tell me that you have decided to leave for the private sector and that you plan to relinquish your post as Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of the Environment and Ministry of Trade & Industry on 26 January 1990.

I want to thank you for the significant contributions you have made since you joined the Government in June 1981. You are a dedicated man who has brought energy, drive and a practical frame of mind to bear on problems.

My good wishes for your future in the private sector. I hope you will continue your good work in Mountbatten. You have been an outstanding MP.

Yours sincerely

Lee Kuan Yew

cc Mr Goh Chok Tong
1DPM & Minister for Defence