

CASA HOLDINGS LIMITED

Change - Announcement of Appointment

Annex A

I was an independent non-executive director of PureCircle Limited (“PureCircle”), from year 2008 to 2017. PureCircle is a company that is listed on the London Stock Exchange. PureCircle is an international producer and marketer of specialty natural ingredients based on high purity stevia. On 1 June 2016, the United States Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) issued a Withhold Release Order stating that imported stevia extracts and their derivatives produced by PureCircle in the PRC will be detained at all U.S. ports of entry as CBP had obtained information that these products were produced using convict labour. According to the CBP, under the relevant U.S. legislation, it is illegal to import into the United States goods made, in whole or in part, by forced labour, including convict labour, forced child labour and indentured labour. In response, PureCircle issued an announcement on 2 June 2016, clarifying that their products were not produced using forced labour and stating that they were working with CBP to correct the information in the CBP announcement and to expedite the release of their shipments which were detained by the CBP. CBP had reviewed the documents submitted to them for clarification, which includes independent third-party verification reports to establish that PureCircle’s PRC-produced stevia products are not produced using forced labour, and the CBP had subsequently released the detained goods. I was an independent non-executive director of PureCircle and was not involved in the day-to-day management of PureCircle. In December 2019, CBP issued a penalty notice to PureCircle pertaining to shipments from 2014 to early 2016, which occurred prior to the issuance of the original Withhold Release Order. PureCircle vigorously contested the claims. Subsequently the CBP decided to impose a penalty of US\$575,000 on PureCircle on the same allegation. PureCircle decided to settle the fine without admitting any wrongdoing so that it could move on with its business.