

The decision and reasons of the Regulatory Assessor for the case of Mr P Krishnakumar FCCA and KVS & Co referred to him by ACCA on 25 January 2019

Introduction

1. KVS &Co is the sole practice of ACCA member, **Mr P Krishnakumar FCCA**. I have considered a report, including ACCA's recommendation, together with related correspondence, concerning Mr P Krishnakumar's conduct of audit work.

Basis and reasons for the decision

2. I have considered all of the evidence in the booklet sent to me, including related correspondence.
3. In reaching my decision, I have made the following findings of fact:
 - a the firm and its audit principal have had two monitoring visits;
 - b both visits had unsatisfactory outcomes;
 - c the majority of the deficiencies reported at the previous visit remained which indicates that the firm has failed to effectively implement the action plan provided after the first visit;
 - d the firm and its audit principal have failed to effectively improve its quality control and audit procedures sufficiently to achieve a satisfactory outcome in spite of the advice given at the previous visit;
 - e Mr Krishnakumar has relinquished his practising certificate with audit qualification and his firm's auditing certificate

The decision

4. I note that Mr Krishnakumar has relinquished renewed his practising certificate with audit qualification and his firm's auditing certificate. On the basis of the above I have decided pursuant to Authorisation Regulations 7(3)(b) and 7(4) that any future re-application for audit registration by Mr Krishnakumar, or by a firm in which he is a

principal, must be referred to the Admissions and Licensing Committee, which will not consider the application until he has provided an action plan, which ACCA regards as satisfactory, setting out how Mr P Krishnakumar intends to prevent a recurrence of the previous deficiencies and attended a practical audit course, approved by ACCA and, following the date of this decision, passed paper P7 (or the equivalent advanced level audit paper) of ACCA's professional qualification.

Publicity

4. Authorisation Regulation 7(6) indicates that all conditions relating to the certificates of Mr Krishnakumar and his firm made under Regulation 7(2) may be published as soon as practicable, subject to any directions given by me.
5. I have considered the submissions, if any, made by Mr Krishnakumar regarding publicity of any decision I may make pursuant to Authorisation Regulation 7(2). I do not find that there are exceptional circumstances in this case that would justify non-publication of my decision to impose conditions and/or the omission of the names of Mr Krishnakumar and his firm from that publicity.
6. I therefore direct pursuant to Authorisation Regulation 7(6)(a), that a news release be issued to ACCA's website referring to Mr Krishnakumar and his firm by name.

Regulatory Assessor
26th February 2019