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Disciplinary Committee ordered Severe Reprimand*

On 13 March 2019, the Disciplinary Committee of ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) found proved the following allegations against Mr Mansour Ghatineh of London, United Kingdom:

Allegation 1

- a) Mansour Ghatineh, a member of ACCA, caused or permitted to be withdrawn from his firm's client bank account:
 - i. Sometime in the period 23 May 2011 and 17 May 2018 payments totalling £2,783.65 to Companies House on behalf of clients in excess of the total amount of monies held on behalf of clients to fund such payments.
 - ii. Sometime in the period 1 September 2012 and 30 November 2015 payments totalling £495.54 to or on behalf of Client A in excess of the total amount of monies held on behalf of Client A.
- b) Mansour Ghatineh, a member of ACCA, failed to maintain accurate records and controls so as to show clearly the monies his firm Landon Seamer had received or held on account of its clients namely an amount of £2,250 received from HMRC on or about 3 March 2017.
- c) Mansour Ghatineh's conduct as set out in Allegation 1(a) and or 1(b) above was:

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- i. Contrary to section 270.2 (c) and or section 270.27 of the ACCA Code of Ethics and Conduct;
- ii. Contrary to Section 150.1 of the Fundamental Principle of Behaviour (as applicable from 2011 to 2018).

Allegation 2

By reason of his conduct Mansour Ghatineh is:

- b) Liable to disciplinary action in respect of any or all of the matters set out at 1(a)(i), 1(a)(ii) or 1(b) or 1 (c), pursuant to bye-law 8(a)(iii).

The Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Mansour Ghatineh be severely reprimanded, pay a fine in the sum of £1,000 and to pay costs to ACCA in the sum of £8,000.

Please note that this may be the subject of an appeal.

ACCA's regulations require ACCA to publish the Committee's findings and orders by way of a news release, as soon as practicable.

** An order made by the Disciplinary Committee shall take effect from the date of expiry of the Appeal Period referred to in the Appeal Regulations unless the Committee directs that the order should have immediate effect*

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