

I wish to issue the following statement and the accompanying documents to set the record right, following the various accusations which have been made by Bill Ng concerning the donation of \$500,000 to AFF.

Bill Ng has said that he agreed to make the donation “strictly on the basis that the money was used to benefit Singapore football, especially our local clubs.” He has also disclaimed knowledge that the donation which Tiong Bahru FC (“TBFC”) made has gone to AFF.

Bill Ng’s statements are all patently false. The following facts, and the supporting documents, will make that clear.

On 9 October 2014, Bill Ng wrote to Zainudin Nordin to thank the latter for “sharing” AFF’s Football Management System with him. Bill Ng went on to say that “we [TBFC] will contribute S\$500,000 to ASEAN Football Federation through FAS to develop this Football Management System.” See the letter dated 9 October 2014 at Annex A.

It is clear that Bill Ng and Zainudin Nordin discussed the AFF Football Management System sometime prior to 9 October 2014, when this letter was sent. Pursuant to this discussion, Bill Ng agreed to make a donation of \$500,000 to AFF, through FAS. Without a doubt, from his very own letter, Bill Ng knew that the donation was being made to AFF, and it was he who settled on donating S\$500,000 to this cause.

Following this, between December 2014 and September 2015, 5 cheques were drawn up by TBFC. These were made payable to FAS. However, each and every cheque was also accompanied by a payment voucher which makes clear TBFC’s instruction that the cheque was “being payment for sponsorship of AFF Football Management Systems”. Again, Bill Ng was well aware because he signed the cheques and also some of the payment vouchers. The amounts, totalling S\$500,000, were accordingly sent on to AFF by FAS.

Each of the 5 cheques and the 5 accompanying payment vouchers with the clear instructions from TBFC as to the purposes for which they were being given are at Annex B.

The above makes it clear that Bill Ng was not only intimately aware that the donation was going to AFF, but it was he who decided the purpose and the amount. He also gave the express instruction that the full amount was to go to AFF, and not to local football as he now claims.

Accordingly, his statements that he was not aware, or that he thought the donation was strictly to benefit Singapore football are false.

Regrettably, I believe Bill Ng’s statement was intended to insinuate financial impropriety within FAS and to damage the credibility of FAS and myself. Given these clear facts which show otherwise, I call on Bill Ng to wholly and unconditionally apologise for his statements.

I would add that when Zainudin first briefed me about this donation, I saw nothing untoward about the arrangement. It was Bill Ng's prerogative to donate his club's money as he wishes (assuming there is proper disclosure and approval by his club), and FAS Council approval was not needed and not sought because this was a donation which Bill Ng made to AFF, not FAS. I am thus puzzled as to why Bill Ng and the Game Changers have made various unfounded accusations against me, when this matter was discussed and concluded between him and Zainudin directly, as Bill Ng's own letter clearly shows.

In addition, I am also puzzled by why Bill Ng would go to great lengths to insist that Zainudin had no role to play in this donation. Again, this is clearly false and Bill Ng must come clean as to why he chose to hide Zainudin's role in the transaction.

I would also invite Bill Ng to clarify this, and explain why he has chosen to present a wholly untrue account of the facts.