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Mr Sathavahana Vaddaram MARLA MNAEA

Director,

Spericle Ltd t/a Properties on the

Market

Disciplinary Tribunal Decision

March 2024

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Member: Mr Sathavahana Vaddaram MARLA MNAEA

Position: Director

Company/Employer: Spericle Ltd t/a Properties on the Market

Address: 65 High Street, Lincoln, Lincolnshire, LN5 8AD

Complainant: Propertymark

Reference: Y0002952

Date: 21 March 2024

A. INTRODUCTION

A Disciplinary Tribunal of Propertymark Limited was convened on 21 March 2024 to consider the case against Mr Sathavahana Vaddaram.

The panel members were Mr Neville Pedersen MARLA (Honoured), FNAEA (Honoured) (member panellist acting as the Chairperson for the Tribunal); Ms Jacqueline Stone FNAEA (member panellist); and Ms Gillian Fleming (lay panellist).

The presenting Case Officer for Propertymark was Mr Ali Haider.

Mr Sathavahana Vaddaram attended the Hearing online via Zoom and was accompanied by Ms Anna Cyktor.

The Hearing took place in private and was recorded.

B. ALLEGATIONS

The Tribunal considered the allegations set out in the case summary sent to Mr Vaddaram.

It was alleged that Mr Vaddaram had acted in contravention of the requirements of the following Propertymark Conduct and Membership Rules.

13. General Duty to Uphold High Standards of Ethical and Professional Behaviour

- 13.1. No member shall do any act (whether in business or otherwise) which:
 - 13.1.1. Involves dishonesty, deceitful behaviour, misrepresentation; and/or
 - 13.1.2. Involves other unprofessional practice or practice that is unfair to members of the public; and/or

13.1.3. In any other way brings Propertymark or any of its divisions or subsidiaries into disrepute.

23. Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

- 23.1. CPD is mandatory for all ARLA, ARLA Inventories, NAEA, NAEA Commercial and NAVA members except for Affiliate, Deferred, Retired grade members.
- 23.2. Members are required to undertake at least twelve hours' CPD activity per year. At least four of the twelve hours must be obtained by attendance at relevant educational events and up to eight hours by relevant private study (except for those studying for Propertymark Qualifications relevant to their specialism). All CPD should be relevant to the membership specialism and/or relevant to business needs.
- 23.3. The CPD year runs from 1 January to 31 December and the twelve hours should be submitted by 31 January of the following year, listing the learning outcomes.
- 23.4. CPD must be provided annually for membership to continue.
- 23.5. If members belong to more than one division, they are required to submit twelve hours' CPD for each division demonstrating a relevant learning outcome.

Mr Vaddaram entered a plea denying the alleged breaches of Rules 13 and 23.

After consideration of the evidence presented and submissions by the parties, the Tribunal announced the following findings:

C. DECISION

Rule 13 - Not Proven

Rule 23 - Proven

D. SANCTIONS

Rule 23 - £50

In addition, the costs of this Hearing of £462 were imposed against Mr Vaddaram in favour of Propertymark.

E. PUBLICATION

The outcome of the case fell within the Propertymark publication policy.

F. CLOSING STATEMENT

"The Tribunal thanks Mr Vaddaram for his attendance at today's hearing, assisted by Ms Anna Cyktor. Logging CPD is a requirement of Propertymark and has been for over 20 years. The system, as confirmed by annual membership renewal, is an obligation and not subject to reminder. This is also covered within the Rules 23.3, this refers to submission".