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Dear Sir/Madam

IMPLEMENTATION OF AMENDMENTS TO SS550:2009 – CODE OF PRACTICE FOR INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRIC PASSENGER AND GOODS LIFTS

Objective

This circular is to inform the industry on the adoption of Amendment 1 to SS550:2009 (published by SPRING in Dec 2013) and phasing-in of its implementation.

Unintended car protection movement

2 Traction drive lifts must be protected against unintended car movement. Details on the means to detect and stop unintended car movement away from the landing with the landing and car doors not in the locked and closed position are described in clause 8.4 of SS550:2009. The provision of unintended car protection movement will apply to projects where the first set of plans (either building plans or structural plans, whichever is earlier) is submitted to the Commissioner of Building Control for approval on or after 1 Feb 2015.

Use of uninterrupted power supply as emergency power supply for lighting, ventilation, alarm and intercom systems for all passenger lifts

3 Currently, SS550 requires the installation of emergency battery operated power supply to comply with SS209:1996 - Specification for battery operated emergency power supply for lighting, ventilation and alarm bell of lifts (EBOPS). However, SS209:1996 will be withdrawn. With the withdrawal of SS209:1996, uninterrupted power supply (UPS) complying with IEC 62040-1 will have to be used in place of EBOPS. Projects must incorporate the use of UPS as emergency power supply for lighting, ventilation, alarm and intercom systems for all passenger lifts where the first set of plans (either building plans or structural plans, whichever is earlier) is submitted to the Commissioner of Building Control for approval on or after 1 Nov 2015.

Clarifications

4 We would appreciate it if you could convey the contents of this circular to members of your organisation. For further clarifications, please contact the following officers. Thank you.

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