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Dear Sirs

APPROVAL TO CARRY OUT ENGINEERING WORKS WITHIN ROAD STRUCTURE SAFETY ZONE

LTA has introduced a "Guide To Carrying Out Engineering Works Within Road Structure Safety Zone and Engineering Activity on Land adjoining Public Streets" on 28 January 2011. Part II of the Guide highlights the procedure and requirements for submission of engineering works to LTA for approval before commencement of works.

2. It has come to our attention that many building professionals, qualified persons, land owners and developers are unclear of the definitions of road structure safety zone and road structures and works. We would like to take this opportunity to clarify the following:

Road Structure Safety Zone (RSSZ)

Road Structure Safety Zone is defined as that part of the land or area which is 20m from the outermost edge of any part of a road structure.

Road Structure

Road Structure includes vehicular flyovers/viaduct/bridges, road tunnels & underpasses, pedestrian overhead bridge & underpasses, ancillary buildings such as control centres (e.g. ITSC Centre), ventilation buildings, substations and pump houses serving the operation of road tunnels and underpasses.

3. We wish to remind the building professionals that Section 8A of the Street Works Act stipulates that no person shall carry out any engineering works within the road structure safety zone unless he has obtained the prior approval of LTA. Any contravention of this provision of the SWA shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 and in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding \$100 for every day or part thereof during which the offence continues after conviction.

4. For the safety of the road users and public and to avoid the situation of contravention of the SWA 8A, we strongly urge the building professionals to exercise caution in checking whether the engineering works are within RSSZ and ensuring that the necessary prior approval is obtained from LTA before allowing the commencement of engineering work. The building professionals may consult LTA if they have any doubts or need further clarifications.

5. Please disseminate the contents of this circular to your members' attention. For enquires, you may contact Ms Tay Tun Ling at 63328915.

Yours faithfully



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