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Dear Sir/Madam

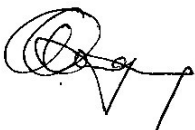
ADVISORY NOTES ON PERIODIC STRUCTURAL INSPECTION

As part of BCA's efforts to continuously promote safety in our built environment, we would like to emphasise the importance of conducting periodic structural inspection on buildings. Under the Building Control Act, the PEs and owners play a critical role in ensuring that structural defects in buildings are detected and rectified early to safeguard the occupants and the public.

2 Section 28 of the Building Control Act requires the professional structural engineer appointed by the owner to carry out the inspection personally. If the PE fails to do so and delegates this duty to a third party, he would have contravened the Act. BCA would like to advise PEs to exercise due diligence and to avoid delegating the inspection work.

3 We would appreciate it if you could disseminate the contents of this advisory note to your members. Please contact our executive engineer, Mr Jeremy Tan Thay Keat at tel. 63257153 if you need any clarification. We look forward to working closely with you and your members to ensure a safe built environment for Singapore.

Yours faithfully,



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