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CIRCULAR TO PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTES

CODE ON ACCESSIBILITY IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT 2007

Objective

1 This circular is to inform the building industry of the launch of Code on Accessibility in the Built Environment 2007 during the BCA seminar on 12 October 2007. This Code will replace the existing Code on Barrier-Free Accessibility in Buildings 2002.

Background

2 Since its inception in 1990, the Code has undergone three reviews. With each review, the scope of the Code was expanded to cater to the needs of a wider group of people. While the provisions in the Code are primarily meant to improve mobility for wheelchair users, they will also benefit others such as the elderly, parents with young children and people with different abilities. For the latest review, the 15-member Code Review Committee, comprising representatives from relevant government agencies, voluntary welfare organizations and industry players, worked together to revise the Code with the objective of creating a more accessible and seamlessly connected built environment for everyone.

3 A copy of the Code on Accessibility in the Built Environment 2007 can be viewed and downloaded from BCA's website www.bca.gov.sg.

Effective date

4 The Code on Accessibility in the Built Environment 2007 will be implemented from 1 April 2008. The provisions of this Code will apply to new buildings and existing buildings undergoing major retrofitting works, where the building plans are submitted for regulatory approval on or after 1 April 2008.

For clarification

5 If you need further clarification regarding this circular, you can contact the following officers.

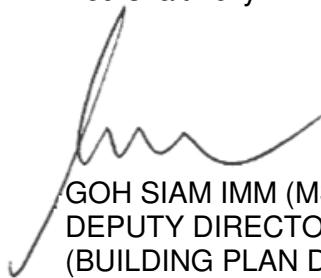
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Informing members

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7 Thank you.

Yours faithfully



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