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ENHANCED GREEN MARK INCENTIVE SCHEME (GMIS)

BACKGROUND

1 Government has set aside \$20 million 'Green Mark Incentive Scheme (GMIS)' on 15 December 2006 to help accelerate the adoption of environmentally-friendly green building technologies and building design practices so as to achieve a sustainable built environment. The scheme offers cash incentives to developers and building owners who make efforts to achieve at least a BCA Green Mark Gold rating or higher in the design and construction of new buildings or major retrofitting of existing buildings.

OBJECTIVE OF THE ENHANCED SCHEME

2 The purpose of the enhancement is to encourage smaller new developments to come forward and be part of the green movement. It is also to incentivise project architects and M&E engineers whose workloads and responsibilities have gone up substantially for developments with Green Mark Gold or higher rating.

EFFECTIVE DATE

3 The enhanced scheme is applicable with effect from 23 May 2008 for new Green Mark certifications.

DETAILS OF THE ENHANCED GMIS

4 The enhanced incentive scheme is now applicable for developers and building owners of new private developments and those undergoing major retrofitting works with gross floor area (GFA) of at least **2,000** square metres which achieve BCA Green Mark Gold rating or higher.

5 In addition, the enhanced scheme's incentive is extended to **architects and M&E engineers** in both **private and public** developments which achieve BCA Green Mark Gold rating or higher.

6 The amount of cash incentive for developments with BCA Green Mark Gold rating or higher is shown in the Table 1.

Table 1- Enhanced Green Mark Incentive

Green Mark Rating ⁽¹⁾	Green Mark Incentive (for developers/building owners)		Green Mark Incentive (for architects and M&E engineers)		Minimum Energy Savings ⁽⁴⁾
	Rate (per 1,000 m ²)	Cap	Rate (per 1,000 m ²)	Cap	
Gold	\$3,000 for new GFA ⁽²⁾ & \$1,200 for existing GFA ⁽³⁾	\$300,000 or 0.2% of construction/retrofitting cost, whichever is lower	\$500 each	\$50,000 each	-
Gold ^{PLUS}	\$5,000 for new GFA ⁽²⁾ & \$2,000 for existing GFA ⁽³⁾	\$2,500,000 or 0.33% of construction/retrofitting cost, whichever is lower	\$800 each	\$80,000 each	25%
Platinum	\$6,000 for new GFA ⁽²⁾ & \$2,400 for existing GFA ⁽³⁾	\$3,000,000 or 0.4% of construction/retrofitting cost, whichever is lower	\$1,000 each	\$100,000 each	30%

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Note:

1. The prevailing version of the BCA Green Mark Criteria for New Buildings will apply. Please see BCA website for details.
2. These rates apply to new buildings and the new GFA added to existing buildings.
3. These rates apply to upgrading works for existing GFA.
4. The minimum energy savings requirements are only applicable for air-conditioned buildings (exclude residential buildings). The energy saving must be demonstrated by energy modeling and validated on completion.

7 The cash incentive will be disbursed in two stages: 50% upon successful certification to the required Green Mark standards during design or construction stage, and the remaining 50% after validation, to be undertaken one year after TOP.

8 The full details of the enhanced Green Mark Incentive Scheme can be found in our website at www.bca.gov.sg using the following link: 'Sustainable' ⇒ 'Green Mark Incentive Scheme (GMIS)'.

9 For more information, you may like to contact Mr Wong Ngian Chung at 6325-5007/ email: wong_ngian_chung@bca.gov.sg or Ms Grace Cheok at 6325-7588/ email: grace_cheok-chan@bca.gov.sg.

Thank you.

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