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Dear Sir/Madam

BUILDING CONTROL (USE OF BUILDINGS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AS WORKERS' QUARTERS) REGULATIONS 2008

Objective

1 This circular is to inform the industry of the new regulation on the use of building under construction as workers' quarters.

Background

2 Currently, purpose-built temporary workers' quarters on construction sites are regulated under the Building Control (Temporary Buildings) Regulations. As an extension to this existing policy and to ease the increasing demand for foreign workers housing, construction workers will be allowed to be housed in the completed parts of permanent buildings under construction under the new **Building Control (Exemption from Section 12 for Buildings under Construction Used as Workers' Quarters) Order 2008** which was published in the Gazette on 16 December 2008.

Details of the new Regulations

3 To ensure that structural safety and a minimum standard of comfort are met at these temporary workers' accommodation in the completed parts of permanent buildings under construction, the new **Building Control (Use of Buildings under Construction as Workers' Quarters) Regulations 2008** was also published in the Gazette on 16 December 2008. This set of new Regulations and the Exemption Order will come into operation on **1 Jan 2009**.

Clarifications

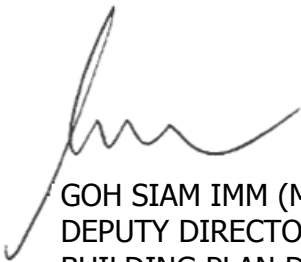
4. We have made available a copy of the new Regulations together with a list of FAQs on our website at <http://www.bca.gov.sg> for your viewing. For further clarification, you may also contact the following officers:

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5. I would appreciate it if you could convey the contents of this circular to members of your organization.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully



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