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Dear Sir/Madam

IMPLEMENTATION OF LICENSING OF BUILDERS ON 16 JUNE 2009 AND REVISED FORMS FOR APPLICATION OF PERMIT

I refer to our earlier circular of 19 Dec 2008. All builders carrying out building works must apply for a builder's licence by 16 June 2009, the end of the 6 months' grace period. Continuing with building works after 16 June 2009 without making an application is an offence under the Building Control Act.

2 New permits to carry out structural works will not be granted to applications where the builder has not applied for a licence. The types of builder's licence are:

- *Class 1 General Builder's Licence* (for main contractors carrying out projects of any value)
- *Class 2 General Builder's Licence* (for main contractors carrying out projects not exceeding \$6 million)
- *Specialist Builder's Licence* (for specialist sub-contractors in the 6 types of specialist works listed in Annex A)

3 To incorporate the changes that come with licensing, the main form for permit application (BCA-BE-PERMIT) will be revised. Additionally, in projects where there are specialist builders, the main contractor has a duty to notify BCA when the specialist builder is appointed. This notification can be made by using a new form (BCA-BE-SPECIALIST BUILDER). These forms will be available from 16 Jun 2009 via ESPro and the BCA's website at: http://www.bca.gov.sg/StructuralPlan/structural_plan_applnforms.html.

4 If you need further information on Builder's Licensing, you can visit this website: http://www.bca.gov.sg/BuildersLicensing/builders_licensing.html. Alternatively, you can call our BCA hotline at 1800-342 5222 and press 2 (for Contractor Registration).

Yours faithfully



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SPECIALIST BUILDING WORKS REQUIRING A SPECIALIST BUILDER'S LICENCE

- **Piling works** comprising installation and testing of precast reinforced or prestressed concrete piles, steel piles, bored cast-in-place reinforced concrete piles, caissons and special pile types like micro-piles, barrettes piles and composite piles, embedded retaining wall piles like diaphragm walls, contiguous bored piles or secant piles;
- **Ground support and stabilization works**, including installation and testing of ground anchors, soil nails, rock bolts, ground treatment like chemical grouting and jet-grouting, reinforced-earth, shotcreting and tunnel supports;
- **Site investigation work** comprising field investigations, exploratory drilling or boring, logging, sampling, coring, in-situ plate-loading tests, pressuremeter tests, penetration tests, vane shear tests, probing tests, permeability tests, geological mapping and geophysical surveys, and **installation and monitoring of instruments** measuring forces, deformation, displacements, pore and earth pressures, and ground-water levels;
- **Structural steelwork** comprising –
 - a) fabrication of structural elements;
 - b) erection work like site cutting, site welding and site bolting; and
 - c) installation of steel supports for underground building works;
- **Pre-cast concrete work** comprising fabrication of precast structural elements;
- **In-situ post-tensioning work** comprising setting out of tendon profiles, laying of conduits, anchorages and bursting reinforcement, pulling or stressing of cables, pressure grouting of conduits.

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