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Dear Sir/Madam

EXTENSION OF IMPLEMENTATION DATE TO COMPLY WITH ALTERNATIVE ACCESS TO LIFT WELL REQUIREMENT IN CLAUSE 3.2.2 OF SS 550:2009 – CODE OF PRACTICE FOR INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRIC PASSENGER AND GOODS LIFT

Objective

This circular is to inform the industry that the implementation date to comply with Alternative Access to Lift Well requirement in Clause 3.2.2 of SS 550:2009 has been extended from 1st July 2010 to 1st April 2011.

Implementation of SS 550

2 In February 2010, SPRING launched the SS 550:2009 after 2 months of public consultation ending July 2009. In April 2010, BCA informed the industry that building plans submitted to BCA for approval on or after 1st July 2010 are required to comply with SS 550 as the acceptable solution under the performance based regulations.

Alternative Access to Lift Well

3 One of the design requirements in SS 550 pertains to lift landings that are not directly accessible except through private space, i.e. private lift lobby. For such layouts, SS 550 requires the provision of alternative access to the lift well to carry out passenger rescue and lift recovery works. The requirement is stipulated in clause 3.2.2 of SS 550.

4 At a recent meeting with BCA, the industry, while supportive of the need to provide alternative access, has requested that the compliance deadline for this part be postponed. This is to allow the industry to study and propose alternative solutions that could meet the requirement of clause 3.2.2 and to incorporate the alternative solutions into the building design.

Extension of Deadline for Compliance

5 BCA will postpone the implementation date for compliance with Alternative Access to Lift Well under Clause 3.2.2 of SS 550 from 1st July 2010 to **1st April 2011**. Building plans submitted to BCA for approval on or after 1st April 2011 will have to comply with clause 3.2.2 of SS 550.

For Clarification

6 We would appreciate it if you could convey the contents of this circular to the members of your organisation. For clarification, you may call our BP Hotline at 6325 7159, email to bca_enquiry@bca.gov.sg or fax to 6325 4437.

Yours faithfully



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