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Dear Sir/Madam,

FORMATION OF INTER-AGENCY BUILDINGS INNOVATION PANEL (BIP)

This circular is to inform the industry on the formation of the Buildings Innovation Panel (BIP) and to invite submissions from interested applicants.

Objective of Buildings Innovation Panel (BIP)

2 The inter-agency Buildings Innovation Panel (BIP) is established to facilitate expedient multiple agency evaluation and approval of innovative construction methods, processes and materials that will improve construction productivity. Participating agencies of BIP include BCA, HDB, JTC, LTA, MOM, NEA, PUB, SCDF and URA.

Scope and Eligibility

3 Firms that require assistance in obtaining multi-agency regulatory acceptance of their innovative design and construction materials, methods and processes that will improve construction productivity can submit their application to the BIP Secretariat. The BIP Secretariat will facilitate regulatory acceptance under the ambit of the following agencies: BCA, LTA, MOM, NEA, PUB, SCDF, and URA.

Application Procedure

4 Firms can submit their applications using the form available at BCA's website. Applications shall be accompanied by the following:

- (a) documentary evidence of compliance with current codes of practice (Singapore or overseas);
- (b) track record of implementation overseas;
- (c) material or product specifications;
- (d) quality certifications or test reports; and
- (e) any other relevant information.

5 The BIP secretariat will evaluate the application based on the (i) level of innovation and (ii) impact on construction productivity of the materials, methods or processes. Once the application has been accepted, the BIP Secretariat will coordinate submissions to regulatory agencies and facilitate early resolution of outstanding issues between the applicant and respective regulatory agencies.

6 A certificate of **In-Principle Acceptances (IPA)** will be granted to the innovative design, products, materials or processes if acceptances are obtained from the relevant participating regulatory agencies. The IPA certificate will also accord fast track status to subsequent regulatory submissions involving the use of such materials, methods or processes described in the IPA.

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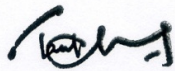
7 Applications to BIP can be addressed to:

Buildings Innovation Panel Secretariat (Attn: Mr Ng Man Hon)
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For Clarification

8 We would appreciate if it you could convey the contents of this circular to the members of your organisation. For clarification, please contact Mr Ng Man Hon at Tel 63255020 or by email to: ng_man_hon@bca.gov.sg.

Yours faithfully,



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