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Dear Sir/Madam

INDUSTRY'S VIEWS SOUGHT ON THE APPROVED WATERMARK PLAN.

The Building and Construction Authority (BCA) will be introducing the watermark imprint of the word "APPROVED" on all plans approved under the Building Control Act and Regulations by the Commissioner of Building Control (CBC). This is to facilitate the relevant parties in identifying the approved plans on-site.

Current Situation

2 Currently, when the CBC digitally approves a plan encrypted with the digital signature of the respective Qualified Person (QP), the approved plan will be encrypted with the CBC's digital signature over the QP's digital signature. This encrypted plan is then delivered to the QP via CORENET.

Proposed Watermark on Approved Plans

3 With the proposed initiative of watermark imprint on the approved plan, the CBC will decrypt the submitted plan and imprint the "BCA Logo" with the word "APPROVED" and a unique serial number on it (please see the sample of the imprint at **Annex**). After the imprinting, the CBC will encrypt the decrypted plan with his digital signature and send it to the QP via CORENET. In other words, when the QP receives the approved plan via CORENET, the plan will be encrypted with the CBC's digital signature only. Technically, the details of the encrypted plan submitted by the QP and that of the plan approved by the CBC should be exactly the same.

4 Should there be any discrepancy between the encrypted plan submitted by the QP and the plan approved by the CBC, the encrypted plan submitted by the QP will take precedence, as the CBC will not alter any details of the plan.

5 We would like to seek your views on the above proposal. We would appreciate it if you could provide us with feedback by 13 October 2013 at the following contacts.

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Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Teo Orh Hai', enclosed within a circular stamp or seal.

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ANNEX:

Watermark imprint Sample



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