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BCA UNIVERSAL DESIGN (UD) MARK CALL FOR SUBMISSION

Background

The **BCA Universal Design (UD) Mark** is a voluntary certification scheme introduced in October 2012 as an initiative to raise the bar on UD adoption in developments. This initiative accords recognition to developments and stakeholders that adopt a user-centric philosophy in their design, operations and maintenance. It also aims to raise greater public awareness towards user-friendly buildings.

2 The scheme allows assessment of projects at design stage with the provision of criteria checklists, hence, facilitating the incorporation of UD principles from the onset of project development. A built development will be awarded a display plaque, indicating one of the four UD Mark ratings: Certified, Gold, Gold^{PLUS} or Platinum. For on-going developments, UD Mark ratings will be determined based on design and indicated as Certified (design), Gold (design) or Gold^{PLUS} (design).

3 Since the launch, keen participation has been received. A total of 26 certifications for both built and on-going developments were awarded during BCA Awards in May 2013.

4 There is no restriction on the number of entries that each individual, firm or team can submit and the application is open all year round.

5 We therefore strongly encourage all developers, building owners, qualified persons and designers involved in creating an inclusive built-environment to participate in the scheme.

Assessment and application

6 Interested parties would have to submit an application form to BCA to register their interest in participating in the UD Mark scheme. The assessment process would include:-

- a) preliminary meeting with the BCA assessment team for clarifications on the relevant documentation and the principles of UD;
- b) actual assessment involving design and documentary reviews;
- c) site verification by BCA assessment team.

7 The scheme is currently opened to the following categories:-

- a) **New non-residential developments** - this would include commercial (offices, hotels, retail malls), industrial, institutional, infrastructural and mixed use developments.
- b) **Refurbished non-residential developments.**
- c) **New residential developments** - this would include public and private residential developments.

8 Details on the assessment and application process can be found in our website <http://www.bca.gov.sg/friendlybuilding>. For clarifications, please contact Ms Joyce Tung at DID: 6325 7389 or 6325 8611 or email: bca_ud@bca.gov.sg

Yours faithfully



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