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Dear Sirs

HANDBOOK ON DEVELOPMENT & BUILDING WORKS IN RAILWAY PROTECTION ZONE

The Land Transport Authority has issued the latest Code of Practice for Railway Protection in August 2000. The Code of Practice for Railway Protection documents the submission procedures and conditions for obtaining approval for development and building proposals, permit to commence engineering works within the railway protection zone and railway corridor. It also outlines technical requirements for the design and construction stages of development to safeguard the rapid transit systems.

- 2 One major feature of the latest Code is that besides stipulating the deemed-to-satisfy provisions, it also allows alternative solutions provided they meet the objectives of the Code. This allows architects and engineers the flexibility of coming out with creative and innovative solution in their design when working within the vicinity of the railway.

- 3 To enhance better understanding of the technical requirements in the Code, we are glad to announce that LTA has published a new document entitled 'Handbook on Development & Building Works in Railway Protection Zone' in the LTA website (www.lta.gov.sg).
- 4 This handbook attempts to illustrate the technical requirements spelled out in the Code and the safety considerations that would be required for carrying out any development and building works within the railway protection zone. Examples of 'alternative solution' approach are also illustrated and discussed.
- 5 We would appreciate it if you can disseminate information on the publication of the above handbook to your members.

Thank you.


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