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Dear Sir,

**AMENDMENT TO QUALIFICATION OF ASSIGNEE FOR SUPERVISION OF  
CRANE OPERATIONS WITHIN RAILWAY PROTECTION & SAFETY ZONES**

1 LTA requires a Professional Engineer (PE) to supervise operation of lifting appliances and other heavy equipments such as crane, piling machine, etc which could topple into the MRT 1<sup>st</sup> reserve of above-ground structures of Rapid Transit Systems (RTS). This requirement on supervision is necessary to safeguard the rapid transit structures but more critically to ensure the safety of travelling public. For operation of lifting equipment and machinery with probable toppling zone outside the 1st reserve of above-ground RTS structures, full time standing supervision by a PE is not required.

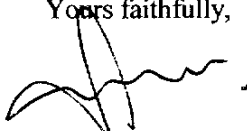
2 LTA allows the PE to appoint an assignee to supervise on his behalf the operation of lifting appliances and other heavy equipments. Currently LTA accepts a proposed assignee who has the relevant qualification recognised by the Professional Engineer's Board of Singapore. He must also have at least three years of relevant site supervision experience.

3 To allow greater flexibility for the PE to appoint his assignee by tapping a larger pool of suitable candidates, we have decided to broaden the acceptable qualification of assignee. With immediate effect, we will accept a proposed assignee if he is a qualified Resident Engineer accredited with Building and Construction Authority (BCA) or the Joint Accreditation Committee (JAC) of the Institution of Engineers Singapore and the Association of Consulting Engineers Singapore.

4 We have also revised the application form for the undertaking of supervision of crane operations within railway protection & safety zones for appointment of assignee. You can extract this form from our "Guide to Carrying Out Restricted Activities within Railway Protection and Safety zones". The Guide together with the form can be downloaded from the LTA website.

5 Please disseminate the contents of this circular to your members' attention. For enquiries, you may contact Mr Koh Chin Seng at Tel 63328306.

Yours faithfully,



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