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President, Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA)

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Dear Sirs,

APPLICABILITY OF CIVIL DEFENCE SHELTER ACT

I refer to our circular (ref: CD/SB/C/A1/3) dated 1st Jun 2001 on the above subject issue and a copy of which is enclosed for your easy reference.

2 As explained in the 1st Jun 2001 circular, Additions & Alterations (A&A) and reconstruction (except for **total demolition** and rebuilt cases) of existing houses/flats do not come under the Civil Defence Shelter Act (CDSA) 1997, and therefore shelters are not required in these proposals. However, we like to clarify that in the **rebuilding** of a house where only its party wall(s) with their embedded columns and supporting beams, if any, are retained, a **Household Shelter** is required for this rebuilt house as it is considered as a new house under the CDSA 1997.

3 Please contact me or my colleague, Maj Chan Keen Mun at 68481406, should you require any further clarifications on the matter.

4 We would appreciate it if you could disseminate the contents of this circular to members of your Institution or Association.

Yours faithfully,

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