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Dear Sir/Mdm,

APPLICABILITY OF CIVIL DEFENCE SHELTER ACT

1. Since the implementation of the Civil Defence Shelter Act (CDSA) with effect from 1 May 1998, new houses and flats are required to incorporate Civil Defence (CD) shelters. Under the CDSA, a CD shelter, in the form of household shelter or storey shelter would be required in a "new house/flat". This means the building **"which is constructed on a vacant land or in place of a building which has been demolished."**

2. Three circulars dated 1 June 2001, 18 March 2002 and 10 November 2008 were issued by SCDF on the above mentioned subject. This circular is to remind and clarify that CD shelters are required to be provided in new erection developments and building built in place of existing building which has been demolished or would be demolished. For proposals with reconstruction of existing building, Qualified Person (QP) is to seek consultation with SCDF and obtain a written confirmation where provision of shelter is not required. This written confirmation shall be obtained before submitting plans to BCA.

3 Please contact undersigned at 68481478, should you require further clarifications.

Yours faithfully,

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