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Dear Sir/Madam

GAZETTE OF THE WORKPLACE SAFETY AND HEALTH (DESIGN FOR SAFETY) REGULATIONS

Aim

This circular serves to inform the industry of the gazetted Workplace Safety and Health (Design for Safety) Regulations.

Background

2 In 2008, Ministry of Manpower (MOM) and Workplace Safety and Health Council (WSH) Council published the Guidelines on Design for Safety (DfS) of Buildings and Structures. The Guidelines were adopted on a voluntary basis by industry and gained traction with major developers. To tap on the benefits of DfS to achieve significant and widespread WSH improvement in the building industry, the Singapore government decided to mandate it, as announced by Deputy Prime Minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam at the launch of the National WSH Campaign in May 2014.

3 A Taskforce on Mandating DfS, co-chaired by MOM and BCA, was formed to drive development of the legislations and supporting initiatives. Feedback from the construction industry had been sought for the Regulations and key provisions of the Regulations had been deliberated by the Taskforce.

4 With the inputs gathered, the WSH (Design for Safety) Regulations have been gazetted on 10 July 2015 and will come into operation on 1 August 2016. Please refer to the e-gazette website for a copy of the Regulations.

Key Provisions of the New Regulations

5 The key provisions of the WSH (DfS) Regulations are:

- a) To place duties on developers and designers;
- b) To require implementation of a DfS review process throughout every phase of the construction project;
- c) To require a DfS register for all construction projects;
- d) To allow developers to appoint a DfS professional; and
- e) To mandate it for projects with contract value of \$10 million and above

6 If you require more information, please visit MOM's website at <http://www.mom.gov.sg/newsroom/announcements> or contact us at MOM_OSHD@mom.gov.sg.

7 We would appreciate it if you could convey the contents of this letter to the members of your organisation.

Yours faithfully,



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