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Dear Sir/Madam

PUBLICATION OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE REGISTER OF ACCREDITED CHECKING ORGANISATIONS

Objective

This circular is to inform the industry that additional information on manpower resources and track records of accredited checking organisations (ACO) will be provided in the register of ACOs on BCA website.

Background

2 The Accredited Checker (AC) plays an important role in ensuring the structural safety of buildings by carrying out independent checks on the structural designs prepared by the Qualified Person (QP) so as to minimise the risks of design errors due to lapses by the QP. In the appointment of an AC from an ACO by developer, the developer is advised to select the AC based on the competency and the relevant experience of the AC, and adequate manpower resources of the ACO.

Additional information provided in the Register of ACOs

3 BCA has obtained from the respective ACOs the information pertaining to manpower resources and track records of the firm as main design QP. As this is a voluntary scheme, more than 65% of the ACOs have participated in this scheme. These additional information are provided together with the register of ACOs on BCA website: https://www.bca.gov.sg/StructuralPlan/registered_organisations_acs.html. We believe that these information can assist developers to make an informed choice when sourcing for an AC for their development projects.

4 I would appreciate it if you could convey the contents of this circular to the members of your organisation. Please contact Er. Victor Tay at Tel: 68044634 or e-mail: victor_tay@bca.gov.sg if you need any clarification.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andris Leong', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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