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## **CIRCULAR TO PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTES/ ASSOCIATIONS**

### **REVISION OF THE GREEN MARK CRITERIA FOR DATA CENTRE – GREEN MARK FOR NEW DATA CENTRE 2019 (GM NDC: 2019) AND EXISTING DATA CENTRE 2019 (GM EDC: 2019)**

#### **Objective**

1 The circular is to inform the industry on the revision of the Green Mark standard for Data Centre.

#### **Background**

2 The current BCA-IMDA Green Mark for Data Centre (“GM DC”) Version 1.1 scheme was jointly developed by BCA and IMDA. The BCA-IMDA Green Mark for Existing Data Centre (“GM EDC”) was first launched in Oct 2012 and was followed by the launch of BCA-IMDA Green Mark for New Data Centre (“GM NDC”) in Mar 2013.

3 To align with advances in Data Centre technologies, best practices and the evolving Data Centre landscape, BCA and IMDA has recently revised the GM DC criteria with the help of industry experts to ensure the continued relevance of the GM DC requirements and criteria. The revised GM DC scheme (“GM DC: 2019”) was under pilot phase since Sep 2019. Since then, the criteria were further refined based on the learnings from companies who have stepped forward to pilot the criteria as well as the feedback from the industry.

#### **Details of Revision**

4 The finalised criteria is ready for implementation and will supersede the pilot version. It is now made available through the following URL: <https://www1.bca.gov.sg/buildsg/sustainability/green-mark-certification-scheme/green-mark-assessment-criteria-and-online-application>.

#### **Implementation Timeline**

5 The BCA-IMDA Green Mark for Data Centre (GM DC: 2019) scheme will come into effect on **1 Oct 2020** (“Effective Date”) and will replace the current BCA-IMDA Green Mark for Data Centre (Version 1.1) scheme. All Data Centre projects with Green Mark applications submitted on and after the Effective Date will be assessed and certified based on GM DC: 2019. Projects with Green Mark applications submitted before the Effective Date are given a grace period of 8 months from the Effective Date to be assessed based on Green Mark for Data Centre (Version 1.1). Should the Green Mark assessment of any project be incomplete

by the end of the grace period (i.e. BCA's Letter of Award to be issued by 1 Jun 2021), the project will then be assessed and certified based on the GM DC: 2019 standard.

### For Clarification

6 We would appreciate if you could convey the contents of this circular to members of your organisation. For clarification, please submit your enquiry through BCA's Online Feedback Form at <https://www.bca.gov.sg/feedbackform/> or call us at 1800 342 5222, or contact the following officers.

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