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To: All Professional Engineers in Civil Engineering

## **Compliance with Professional Engineers (Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics) Rules – Rule 12a and b**

We have received a number of feedback recently regarding non-compliance with the Third Schedule, Part II(1) of the Building Control Regulations (refer to Annex A for reference), specifically that professional engineers are acting as the Qualified Persons for the submission of building plans for new erection of detached, semi-detached and terraced houses.

2. Please note that for such instances, the role of the Qualified Person for the submission of building plans shall be performed by a registered Architect. In this connection, do also take note that only registered Architects with the Board of Architects should be engaged for new erection of landed property, as engagement of non-registered designers would constitute an illegal practice under the Architects Act.

3. We would like to remind Professional Engineers that under Part I, Rule 12(a) of the Professional Engineers (Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics) Rules, a professional engineer shall exercise due diligence to ensure that there is no contravention of or failure to comply with any written law by any person in the carrying out of any building project or works of which the professional engineer is the consultant or engineer. Further, under Rule 12(b) of the Professional Engineers (Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics) Rules, a professional engineer shall report to the appropriate authority any contravention of or failure to comply with any written law by any person in the carrying out of any building project or works of which the professional engineer is the consultant or engineer, if such contravention or failure comes to his knowledge. Please ensure compliance with the above Rules.

4. Thank you.

Yours faithfully



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## **Annex A**

### **Extract From Building Control Regulations**

#### **THIRD SCHEDULE**

Regulation 6

##### **SCOPE OF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE**

No qualified person shall prepare or sign the plans of building works —

- (a) for any of the projects listed in Part I unless he is a professional engineer;
- (b) for any of the projects listed in Part II unless he is a professional engineer or an architect except that for structural components and works relating to such projects, the structural plans shall be prepared by a professional engineer; and
- (c) for any other project not listed in Parts I and II unless he is an architect except that for structural components and works relating to such projects, the structural plans shall be prepared by a professional engineer.

##### **PART I**

- (1) Airport runways, taxiways and aprons
- (2) Bridges, causeways, tunnels and underpasses
- (3) Bulk handling complexes
- (4) Chimneys
- (5) Claddings and curtain walls
- (6) Concrete tanks
- (7) Crane gantries
- (8) Culverts
- (9) Dry docks, jetties, quays, slipways, harbours, wharves and marine structures
- (10) Retaining wall and stabilising earth structures
- (11) Site formation works, foundations and plinths
- (12) Transmission towers.

##### **PART II**

- (1) Alterations, additions and extensions to detached, semi-detached and terraced houses
- (2) Alterations and additions within existing buildings which do not affect the building envelope
- (3) Bus depots and train depots
- (4) Cable car stations and towers
- (5) Electric substations
- (6) Farm structures
- (7) Grandstands and sports stadia
- (8) Helicopter ports
- (9) Industrial buildings
- (10) Marinas
- (11) Pedestrian overhead bridges
- (12) Petrol service stations
- (13) Power stations
- (14) Pumping stations
- (15) Satellite tracking stations
- (16) Shipyards
- (17) Silos
- (18) Swimming pools
- (19) Warehouses and godowns