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Dear Sir/Madam,

## **COMMENCEMENT OF LICENSING OF BUILDERS AND REGISTRATION OF CORETRADE PERSONNEL**

Licensing of builders commences on 16 Dec 2008, with the coming into effect of Part VA of the Building Control (Amendment) Act 2007 on Licensing of Builders. There is a six months grace period (till 16 Jun 2009) for builders to apply for the licence. After 16 Jun 2009, all builders who had been granted or to be granted a permit to carry out building works, as well as builders carrying out work in the 6 specialist work areas (listed in A8 of Annex A) must possess a licence issued by the Commissioner of Building Control.

### **Types of licence and key personnel**

2 There are two types of licence – the General Builder licence and the Specialist Builder licence. There are two classes under the General Builder licence: Class 1 licence allows the holder to carry on the business of a general builder for any project while the Class 2 licence restricts the holder to projects not more than \$6 million in value. Sole proprietorships, partnerships and limited liability partnerships will only be eligible to apply for Class 2 licence.

3 Every licensed builder is to appoint two key personnel, that is, the Approved Person and the Technical Controller. The Approved Person will take be in charge of and direct the management of the business so far as it relates to the building works in Singapore while the Technical Controller will carry out personal supervision of the execution and performance of the building works.

4 A summary of the details on the licensing scheme is in Annex A and a copy of the Building Control (Licensing of Builders) Regulations is in Annex B. Application form to apply for a licence is obtainable from BCA's website at: [http://www.bca.gov.sg/BuildersLicensing/builders\\_licensing.html](http://www.bca.gov.sg/BuildersLicensing/builders_licensing.html)

### **Construction Registration of Tradesmen (CoreTrade) Scheme**

5 With effect from 16 Jun 2009, all Class 1 General Builders undertaking a project of value which is \$20 million or more will need to deploy a prescribed minimum number of construction personnel who are registered under the CoreTrade Scheme. The objective of CoreTrade is to build up a core group of locals and experienced foreign workers in key construction trades to anchor and lead the workforce. Builders may now apply to BCA for registration of their eligible tradesmen and trade foremen under the CoreTrade Scheme. Individual construction personnel can also apply to BCA for registration directly. The application form to apply for registration under the CoreTrade Scheme can be obtained from BCA's website at: <http://www.bca.gov.sg/coretrade>

6 Should you need further clarifications, please contact Mr Choong Teck Min at Tel 63257587 or by email to: [choong\\_teck\\_min@bca.gov.sg](mailto:choong_teck_min@bca.gov.sg).

7 I shall appreciate it if you would bring the contents of this circular to your members' attention. Thank you.

Yours faithfully,



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