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To All Registered Contractors
and Registered Examiners

Dear Sir/Madam,

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Report and Corrective Action of Irregularity Discovered During Test and Examination Work Builders' Lifts and Tower Working Platforms (Safety) Ordinance

During a recent test and examination of a builder's lift, the registered examiner noted that the safety gear was not performing satisfactorily and thus reported the case to this department. Our staff forthwith carried out a site inspection but found that the safety gear had been replaced. This affected our subsequent investigation into the case.

It is stipulated in the Builders' Lifts and Tower Working Platforms (Safety) Ordinance that when a registered examiner is not satisfied that the equipment complies with the relevant requirements set out in section 9 of the Ordinance or is not in safe working order, he shall immediately report that fact to this department and the registered contractor. Registered examiners are reminded to observe this requirement and forward their notice to this department at their soonest by fax. In case the registered examiner encounters difficulty, with reasonable excuse, in complying with this requirement, notification made within **one working day** upon discovery of the irregularity would be considered acceptable.

The registered contractor shall, upon receiving such notification from the registered examiner, seek the permission of this department before carrying out any corrective action. Rectification without prior permission should be avoided unless there is imminent danger so caused by the irregularity or defect found in the equipment.

The above arrangements aim at facilitating our site investigation work subsequent to the discovery of any defective equipment. Your co-operation would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

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for Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

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