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All Builder's Lift Owners

Dear Sirs/Madams,

Circular No. 2/2007
Serious Builder's Lift Incidents in Harbin (哈爾濱市) and Wuxi (無錫),
People's Republic of China

We refer to the serious builder's lift incidents happened in Harbin (哈爾濱市) and Wuxi (無錫), PRC, on 14 November 2007, in which the cages of the builder's lifts fell to the ground and led to a dead toll of 10 workers and 13 seriously injured.

There is only limited information about the cause of the two incidents at this stage. However, according to the newspapers and sources from the Web, the suspension cable(s) of the builder's lift of the Harbin case was broken. Both the cages of the two builders' lifts fell to the ground from height during their operation. In light of the incidents, I would like to remind you to take all necessary safety precautions, including but not be limited to the following, to ensure the safe operation of the builders' lifts owned by you:

1. To strengthen the maintenance and checking on the safety components, in particular the safety gears, overload devices and the suspension systems;
2. To remind operational and maintenance personnel to be more earnest and cautious in discharging their duties;
3. To ensure that the workers and operators are capable; and
4. To ensure the current operational controls are sufficient.

Your co-operation on the above is appreciated.

Yours faithfully,



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for Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services