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To: All Registered Contractors

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Prohibition of carrying out lift work by unauthorized person

This circular is to draw your attention to the legal requirements of person to carry out lift work.

It is stipulated in section 14 of the Builders' Lifts and Tower Working Platforms (Safety) Ordinance (the Ordinance), no person shall carry out lift work other than:-

- (a) a registered examiner;
- (b) an individual who is:
 - i. a registered contractor; or
 - ii. a member of a partnership that is a registered contractor, and is a competent worker;
- (c) a competent worker employed by a registered contractor; or
- (d) a worker directly supervised, at the site where the lift work is being carried out, by a person referred to in paragraph (a), (b) or (c).

In addition, it is stipulated in section 27(1)(a) of the Ordinance that it is a duty of a registered contractor to ensure that no lift work for which he is responsible is carried out by a person contrary to the requirements of section 14 of the Ordinance.

Please ensure that all persons who carried out lift works are in compliance with the requirements as stipulated in the Ordinance. To ensure safety at work, we shall step up surveillance inspection during lift works are being carried out, and further action would be taken by this department should there is any non-compliance discovered.

For the detailed information on the Builders' Lifts and Tower Working Platforms (Safety) Ordinance, please visit the website of the "Department of Justice - Bilingual Laws Information System" and enter "470" in the "Go to Chapter" input box , the internet address of which is shown below:

http://www.legislation.gov.hk/eng/home.htm

Should you have any question regarding this circular letter, please contact Mr. CHEUNG Chin-king on telephone 2808 3548 or the undersigned.

Yours faithfully,

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