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All Registered Lift/Escalator Contractors

Dear Sirs,

Circular No. 6/2010 Safety Precautions in Carrying Out Lift/Escalator Works

A registered lift contractor was recently prosecuted for failing to comply with safety precautionary measures stipulated in the *Code of Practice for Lift Works and Escalator Works* (the "*Works Code*"). In the course of carrying out maintenance and repair, a lift worker left the place of work while the lift landing door was jammed open with a screwdriver and the car not at the level of that landing, and no barrier was ever erected. A maximum penalty was imposed upon conviction.

This Circular serves to remind you in supervising the works carried out by the lift/escalator workers, adequate precautionary measures shall be in place to prevent injury to any person.

In relation to working at lift landings, your special attention is drawn to the safety precautionary measures stipulated in Clause 4.3.1, Section C of the *Works Code*, as well as Section 9.4 of the *Code of Practice for Safety at Work (Lift and Escalator)* (the *"Safety Code"*) issued by the Labour Department. For escalator works, compliance with the safety precautionary measures stipulated in Clause 4.4, Section C of the *Works Code* and Section 10 of the *Safety Code* are required.

Yours faithfully,

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