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Construction Industry Council Publishes **“Safety Alert No. 002/13 on Adoption of Method Statements on Sites”**

Hong Kong • 20 May 2013 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) today released a new publication entitled “*Safety Alert No. 002/13 on Adoption of Method Statements on Sites*” (Safety Alert). The Safety Alert is intended to provide contractors a reference when preparing Method Statements, reminding them to place a greater emphasis on protecting workers from possible hazards and risks associated with construction activities.

Introduction

Method Statements specify the detailed working procedures for the completion of specific construction activities / tasks on site and are prepared and intended for use by frontline workers in carrying out construction works. In order to encourage wider adoption of Method Statements on Sites by the construction industry, the Committee on Construction Site Safety (Com-CSS) has drafted this Safety Alert, aiming to further enhance the safety of construction activities.

Publication

Mr. CHEUNG Hau-wai, Chairman of the Com-CSS said, “Method Statements are intended to protect workers from possible dangers and risks in the working environment. We hope contractors will take into consideration the elements specified in the Safety Alert when drafting the Method Statements.” He expressed his anticipation that the adoption of these recommendations would help towards a safer construction industry in Hong Kong.

The Safety Alert is available for download on the CIC’s website www.hkcic.org.



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About the Construction Industry Council

The Construction Industry Council (CIC) was formed on 1 February 2007 under the Construction Industry Council Ordinance Cap. 587. The CIC consists of a chairman and 24 members representing various sectors of the industry including employers, professionals, academics, contractors, workers, independent persons and Government officials.

The main functions of the CIC are to forge consensus on long-term strategic issues, convey the industry's needs and aspirations to Government, provide training for construction workforce and serve as a communication channel for Government to solicit advice on all construction-related matters.

To learn more about the CIC, please visit website www.hkcic.org for further details.

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Method Statements are intended for use by frontline workers in carrying out construction works. They are usually prepared by the contractors in specifying the detailed working procedures for the completion of specific construction activities / tasks on site. As such, due consideration should be given to protecting workers from possible hazards and risks associated with the construction activity throughout the preparation of Method Statements. It is also advisable to take into consideration the following elements in preparing Method Statements:

- Highlighting all the possible dangers and risks associated with the specific project and the particular construction activity;
- Identifying the control methods to manage the risks in a safe manner;
- Specifying the health and safety control measures required to restrain and minimise the hazards and the associated risks identified by the risk assessment;
- Controlling the operation procedures to ensure safety at work; and
- Ensuring everyone involved is aware of the hazards associated with the work and safety precautionary measures that should be taken.



Disclaimer

Whilst reasonable efforts have been made to ensure the accuracy of the information contained in this publication, the CIC nevertheless would encourage readers to seek appropriate independent advice from their professional advisers where possible and readers should not treat or rely on this publication as a substitute for such professional advice for taking any relevant actions.

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