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To whom it may concern

Construction Innovation and Technology Fund (CITF) <u>Pre-approved Technologies Pilot Scheme</u>

We write to introduce the Construction Innovation and Technology Fund (CITF) being established by the Government. We also cordially invite your company to join the captioned Pilot Scheme and attend the relevant briefing (and demonstrate your technologies on the spot if you wish to) scheduled for 19 July 2018 (Thursday) at 3:00 pm at the Charles Kao Auditorium, Science Park.

The CITF

The Development Bureau (DEVB) of the HKSAR Government is establishing the \$1 billion CITF dedicated to the construction industry. The CITF aims to promote wider adoption of innovative construction methods and new technologies, as well as to build up manpower capability to leverage innovation for sustainable development. The Construction Industry Council (CIC) will be the implementation partner of the CITF.

The main objective of the CITF is to support the industry for adopting innovative technologies (including machinery, equipment and software) with proven effectiveness in boosting productivity, uplifting built quality, improving site safety or enhancing environmental performance, leveraging automation, industrialisation and digitisation rather than sheer innovative management practices. The target beneficiaries of the CITF include levy-paying contractors, registered subcontractors and consultants. Some such examples are at **Enclosure 1** for illustration purposes.

Pre-approved Technologies Pilot Scheme (Pilot Scheme)

To facilitate the application and speed up the approval process for the CITF, we are identifying innovative construction technologies/products with proven track records for inclusion into the List of Pre-approved Technologies (the "Pre-approved List"). As such, enterprises choose to adopt the technologies/products in the Pre-approved List would enjoy a streamlined CITF application process.

This Pilot Scheme is aimed at collecting innovative technologies/ products that can fulfil the objective of the CITF. The submissions will be assessed based on their effectiveness in boosting productivity, uplifting built quality, improving site safety or enhancing environmental performance. While innovations still at research and development stages are excluded, the CITF will support local and overseas inchoate technologies at initial phase of commercialisation as well as mature ones to be adapted for local use. Technologies/products approved under this Pilot Scheme will be recommended for inclusion into the Pre-approved List of the CITF.

We cordially invite your company to join the Pilot Scheme by completing the application form for innovative construction technologies/products at **Enclosure 2** and return to us **by 31 July 2018 (Tuesday)**.

Briefing on CITF and Pilot Scheme

To enable potential technology product/solution providers better understand the CITF and the "Pre-approved List" arrangements, DEVB and CIC have jointly organised a Briefing session as follows –

Date : 19 July 2018 (Thursday)

Time Venue : 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

: Science Park (see location map at **Enclosure 3**)

Briefing at Charles K Kao Auditorium

 Demonstration of technology products / solutions at Atrium Link (i.e. underneath the Charles K Kao Auditorium)

Please register your attendance by filling in in the reply slip at **Enclosure 4** and return to us <u>by 10 July 2018 (Tuesday)</u>. In addition, if you are interested in showcasing your technology products/solutions at the venue, please indicate your intention and provide brief information on the technologies you propose to demonstrate with the reply slip. We will allocate space to interested parties on a first-come-first-served basis, and touch base with you once we received your return.

At the risk of stating the obvious, products/solutions to be displayed at the Briefing should not be construed as being accepted as Pre-approved entries. All technologies/products applied for inclusion into the Pre-approved List will be discreetly determined by the CITF Vetting Sub-committee, based on the same set of assessment criteria stipulated in the Pilot Scheme.

We look forward to hearing from you. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Michelle Wong at Tel 2100 9034 or Ms. Jessica Ma at Tel. 2100 9657.

Yours sincerely,

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Encl:

Enclosure 1 Examples of innovative construction technologies/products
Enclosure 2 Pilot Scheme Application Form
Enclosure 3 Briefing Location map
Enclosure 4 Briefing Reply Slip