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## Construction Industry Council Took Regulatory Action Against a Specialist Trade Contractor under the Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme in Relation to the Fatal Incident in Kwai Chung Hospital Phase 2 Redevelopment

Hong Kong • 3 April 2024 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) has always emphasised "construction safety" as the cornerstone of the industry's development. In response to a fatal incident at the construction site of Kwai Chung Hospital Phase 2 Redevelopment on 21 March 2024, the Committee on Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme (Com-RSTCS) of the CIC has suspended the registration of all designated trades, trades and specialities of the registered company concerned in accordance with the regulatory actions regime under the "Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme" (RSTCS).

The registered company concerned was on the CIC's Register of Registered Specialist Trade Contractors (RSTC) and Register of Registered Subcontractors (RS). The Com-RSTCS issued written notification today to the registered company concerned to suspend its RSTCS registration with immediate effect. The registered company concerned is required to conduct an independent safety audit to review its safety management system, submit an improvement plan based on the results of the safety audit and complete the implementation of the improvement measures. The Com-RSTCS will consider lifting the "immediate suspension" upon the completion of an independent safety audit to the satisfaction of the Com-RSTCS by the registered company concerned.

The CIC will continue to stringently follow up with registered companies involving in serious incidents in accordance with the regulatory actions mechanism under the RSTCS.

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## About the Construction Industry Council

The Construction Industry Council (CIC) was formed in 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 the Government, provide professional training and registration services, and serve as a communication channel between the Government and the construction industry.

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