

Construction Industry Council

Committee on Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme (RSTCS)

Meeting No. 002/23 of the Committee on Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme (Com-RSC) for 2023 was held on 29 March 2023 (Wednesday) at 2:00pm at Boardroom, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five, 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay and via video conferencing.

Summary Notes of the Com-RSC Meeting No. 002/23:

Agenda Item	Paper	Major Resolutions/Progress Highlights
2.1	CIC/RSC/M/001/23 (for approval)	Confirmation of the Minutes of Previous Meeting Members confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 January 2023.
2.2	-	Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting Regarding the follow-up on the proposed addition of three designated trades related to landscaping, members took note of that the Secretariat had communicated with and collected opinions from other stakeholders in the industry, and will follow up with the Tree Management Office of the Development Bureau (TMO) on the optimisation of the registration plan. The TMO informed the Secretariat that the arrangement for introducing the registration plan had been tentatively scheduled at the next "Arboriculture and Horticulture Industry Development Advisory Committee" under the Development Bureau.

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2.3	CIC/RSC/P/013/23 (for approval)	Good Practice Manual – Plastering The Com-RSC approved the Good Practice Manual – Plastering and thanked the Registered Specialised Trade Contractors Federation (RSTCF), the Association of Plastering Sub-contractors and the Hong Kong Institute of Construction (HKIC) for their technical advice and assistance in the compilation work. The Secretariat will follow up the publishing in accordance with members' comments.
2.4	CIC/RSC/P/014/23 (for approval)	Progress Report on Temporary Task Force Regarding the two cases referred from the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), the Com-RSC approved the recommendation of the Temporary Task Force to issue reminder letter to the companies involved to urge them strengthening their integrity management, and requested the Secretariat to consult the CIC's in-house Legal Counsel on the letters' contents.
2.5	CIC/RSC/P/015/23 (for approval)	Proposed Addition of “Building Maintenance” and “Interior Fitting-out” as designated trade (a) The proposed registration for "Building Maintenance" and "Interior Fitting-out" has been deliberated and confirmed by members of the Sub-committee on Standardisation of the Committee on Repair, Maintenance, Alternation and Additional Works.

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		<p>(b) After deliberation of the guiding principles, procedures and registration arrangements which included the brief scope of designated trade, three-grouping arrangement, sub-contract tender limits, registration requirements and transitional arrangements etc. in accordance to the "Rules and Procedures" of the RSTCS, the Com-RSC approved in principal regarding the addition of "Building Maintenance" and "Interior Fitting-out" as designated trades of the RSTCS.</p> <p>(c) The Secretariat shall follow up the amendment of “Rules and Procedures” and optimisation of the names of registration grouping.</p>
2.6	CIC/RSC/P/016/23 (for information)	<p>Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme (RSTCS) Operation Report</p> <p>(a) As of the end of February 2023, the total number of registered companies was 7,585 (December 2022: 7,685) in which 1,343 (December 2022: 1,545) were Registered Specialist Trade Contractors (RSTCs) and 6,242 (December 2022: 6,140) were Registered Subcontractors (RSs);</p> <p>(b) Levelling and Setting Out had been added as the twelfth designated trade under RSTCS from 1 March 2023. With the support of The Hong Kong Leveling Contractors Association, the Secretariat had organised an induction webinar for Levelling and Setting Out on 17 January 2023;</p> <p>(c) The Group 2 registration requirements for the first eight designated trades had been uplifted from 1 March 2023. The Secretariat had issued relevant press release and</p>

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		<p>updated the poster at the end of February 2023, and at the same time through direct email and regular induction webinar to explain new registration requirements and transitional arrangement to the relevant registered companies.</p> <p>(d) On 21 February 2023, the Secretariat had arranged a meeting between the representatives of RSTCF and HKIC to discuss the optimisation of the “Trade Supervisors” training programme (i.e. Diploma in Construction for Specialist Trade Management).</p> <p>(e) The Secretariat will continue to cooperate with trade associations to organise technical webinars for designated trades. The first technical webinar in 2023 covering Building Drainage Installation was held on 9 March with the support of the Hong Kong Plumbing and Sanitary Ware Trade Association. There were totally 828 participants.</p> <p>(f) The Secretariat will work with the ICAC to arrange a series of seminars to continuously improving the integrity management of the registered companies. CIC and the ICAC will hold the Construction Industry Corruption Prevention and Integrity Management Summit and Programme of Action Signing Ceremony on 4 May 2023 at the CIC Zero Carbon Park with the theme of "Eliminating Injustice and Sharing Honest Results" to join hands with the industry for creating an incorruptible business environment.</p>

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2.7	-	Any Other Business Nil.
2.8	CIC/RSC/P/017/23 - CIC/RSC/P/022/23 (for information)	Regulatory Hearing The Com-RSC sanctioned a total of seven companies with written warning and suspension of registration due to late payment of wages and MPF, and violations of safety regulations in fatal site accidents.

Remarks: The mentioned papers and/or progress reports discussed at the Com-RSC can be made available to Council Members from the CIC Secretariat upon request.