

Construction Industry Council

Committee on Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme

Meeting No. 001/21 of the Committee on Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme (Com-RSC) for 2021 was held on 10 March 2021 (Wednesday) at 2:30pm at Boardroom and via Video Conference, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five, 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay.

Summary Notes of the Com-RSC Meeting No. 001/21:

Agenda Item	Paper	Major Resolutions/Progress Highlights
1.1	CIC/RSC/M/004/20 (for approval)	Confirmation of the Minutes of Previous Meeting Members confirmed the minutes of the previous Meeting No. 004/20 held on 7 December 2020.
1.2	-	Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting For item 4.3, the Temporary Task Force met on 21 December 2020 and requested the ICAC to provide further information for their follow up.
1.3	CIC/RSC/P/003/21 (for approval)	Handling of the Special Case by the Temporary Task Force Members approved the Temporary Task Force to handle another special case referred by the ICAC.
1.4	CIC/RSC/P/004/21 (for approval)	Review the Principles for RSTCS Application Processing Members discussed three scenarios brought about by the submission of documents by the applicants of the RSTCS and arrived the following principles for processing similar applications in the future: (a) Members accepted the job reference of foundation and pile cap works subcontracts. (b) For those subcontracts with sole provision of labour but not management and other value-adding services, the applicants should apply for registered subcontractors instead. (c) Regarding the maintenance contract value issue brought about by the scaffolding trade, more information should be obtained from the trade association for further consideration.

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1.5	CIC/RSC/P/005/21 (for approval)	2021 Activities Plan Members approved the 2021 Activities Plan, which includes the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) For professional development of management of registered companies, quarterly thematic webinars would be held.(b) For nurturing young leaders of the registered specialist trade contractors, executive training and exchange visits would be arranged for the Young Leaders Network of the RSTCS.(c) To promulgate outstanding performance of RSTCs and to attract more companies to get registered, achievements of the RSTCs would be highlighted on the CIC web.(d) The CIC, Development Bureau and ICAC would jointly promote the launch of integrity charter in Q4 2021 as initiated by ICAC.
1.6	CIC/RSC/P/006/21 (for approval)	Operation Reports on the Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) As of the end of February 2021, the total number of registered companies increased to 7,504 (October 2020: 7,316) including 1,912 registered specialist trade contractors (RSTCs), whereas 169 were Group 2 RSTCs (October 2020: 130) and 5,592 registered subcontractors.(b) Registration for plastering as the eighth designated trade started on 1 January 2021.(c) Company directors of all Group 1 companies of the seven designated trades were notified on the ending of transitional arrangements by 31 March 2022. Leaflet and regular workshops were arranged for them to explain on the registration requirements and implementation timetable.
1.7	-	Any Other Business Nil.

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1.8	CIC/RSC/P/007/21 - CIC/RSC/P/013/21 (for information)	Regulatory Hearing The first regulatory hearing of 2021 was conducted. A total of seven registered companies were sanctioned with written warning and suspension of registration due to late payment of MPF contributions and wages of workers and violations of safety regulations in fatal site accidents.

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