

Construction Industry Council

Committee on Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme (RSTCS)

Meeting No. 001/23 of the Committee on Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme (Com-RSC) for 2023 was held on 20 January 2023 (Friday) 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. 001/23:

Agenda Item	Paper	Major Resolutions/Progress Highlights
1.1	CIC/RSC/M/004/22 & CIC/RSC/M/007A/22 (for approval)	Confirmation of the Minutes of Previous Meeting Members confirmed the minutes of the previous meetings held on 22 November and 28 December 2022 respectively.
1.2	-	Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting To be covered under Agenda Item 1.4.
1.3	CIC/RSC/P/003/23 (for approval)	Temporary Task Force on Handling of the Special Case Members approved the task force continued to be composed by the Com-RSC chairperson and other two members to review the case referred from the Independent Commission Against Corruption in secrecy and suggest appropriate action to be taken by the Com-RSC.
1.4	CIC/RSC/P/004/23	Summary and Recommendations of the 2nd Meeting of Task Force on Automatic

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	(for approval)	<p>Suspension of Registration on Fatal Accidents (Task Force)</p> <p>Members deliberated and approved below items after taking note of Task Force Chairperson’s reporting on the summary and suggestions of the Task Force’s 2nd meeting.</p> <p>(a) Enhancing relevant clauses of the Rules and Procedures, including definition of “serious incident”, allowing registered companies’ legal representatives’ presences for hearings but restraining them from making statements for registered companies’ representatives, stating that submitted information for hearing will be treated with confidentiality;</p> <p>(b) Establishing a Sub-committee under Com-RSC which assesses if immediate regulatory hearing is to be initiated against relevant serious incident in accordance with RSTCS Rules and Procedures, and henceforth make recommendations on appropriate actions to Com-RSC and handle associated matters. Chairperson of the Sub-committee will be assumed by Com-RSC chairperson; meanwhile Vice-Chairperson will be assumed by current Task Force’s Chairperson. Current Task Force Members (except Development Bureau’s representative) with one additional Com-RSC Member from employer sector, totally 9 Members, will assume Sub-committee’s Members;</p> <p>(c) Recommending setting fixed term of office for Appeal Panel Members and expanding the existing pool of Appeal Panel Members from all Members of the Construction Industry Council (CIC), Construction Workers Registration Board and Construction Industry Training Board, to all Members of the CIC Youth Affairs Committee and all Committees under CIC.</p>

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1.5	CIC/RSC/P/005/23 (for information)	<p>Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme (RSTCS) Operation Report</p> <p>(a) As of the end of December 2022, the total number of registered companies was 7,685 (October 2022: 7,820) in which 1,545 (October 2022: 1,585) were Registered Specialist Trade Contractors (RSTCs) and 6,140 (October 2022: 6,235) were Registered Subcontractors (RSs);</p> <p>(b) Transition period of plastering had been expired on 31 December 2022, 110 registered companies retained in the register in which 44 were group 2 companies;</p> <p>(c) Tender limits for suspended ceiling and tower crane (erecting, dismantling and altering height) had been implemented from 1 January 2023;</p> <p>(d) Levelling and setting out trade would be added as the 12th designated trade under RSTCS from 1 March 2022. The Secretariat organised a dedicated webinar on 17 January 2023 to introduce the scope of trade, tender limits, registration requirements and transitional arrangements and etc. for industry stakeholders;</p> <p>(e) RSTCS Leadership Summit 2022 was successfully organised on 24 November 2022 with over 1,400 registered companies' representatives and industry practitioners joining in person and online. Industry experts shared and exchanged insights and practices on multi-trade integrated mechanical, electrical and plumbing, building information modelling (BIM) and adoption of new technologies.</p> <p>(f) A site visit was organised by the Secretariat on 6 December 2022. The CIC Chairman, the Secretariat and young leaders from registered companies visited a commercial building development project site, The Henderson, which located at</p>

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		Murray Road, Central and gained understandings on how the project team achieved engineering excellence via collaboration, comprehensive risk management, use of BIM and digital twin. The project demonstrated integration of sustainable development and facility management technologies at the design and construction phases, showed due consideration of well-being of future occupiers and optimised the operational efficiency of the property.
1.6	-	Any Other Business Nil.
1.7	CIC/RSC/P/006/23 - CIC/RSC/P/009/23 (for information)	Regulatory Hearing Regulatory hearing was held by Com-RSC. A total of six companies were sanctioned with written warning and suspension of registration due to late payment of wages 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.