

## Construction Industry Council

### Committee on Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme (RSTCS)

Meeting No. 003/24 of the Committee on Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme (Com-RSC) for 2024 was held on 29 May 2024 (Wednesday) at 2:00 pm at Boardroom, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five, 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay and via video conferencing.

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Summary Notes of the Com-RSC Meeting No. 002/24:

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Paper</b>	<b>Major Resolutions/Progress Highlights</b>
3.1	CIC/RSC/M/002/24 (for approval)	<b>Confirmation of the Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>  Members confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 March 2024.
3.2	---	<b>Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting</b>  Members took note of the Secretariat's latest follow-up report on construction safety related work plan.
3.3	CIC/RSC/P/039/24 (for information)	<b>Brainstorming on whether to Upgrade the Registration Requirements of “CCTV Inspection &amp; High Pressure Water Jetting of Underground Drainage Pipes” as a Registered Subcontractor’s Speciality</b>  In view of the recent reoccurrence of fatal accidents related to sewer cleansing works, Members deliberated on the necessity to upgrade the existing registration requirements of trade specialty under the registered subcontractor, namely “CCTV Inspection & High Pressure Water Jetting of Underground Drainage Pipes”. Members recommended liaising with the Drainage Services Department and stakeholders in the industry to understand the specific workflow and market operations, etc.; and paying close attention to the latest changes in the relevant legislative

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		requirements before making further consideration. In the meantime, Members requested the Secretariat to disseminate the relevant guidelines recommended by the CIC’s Committee on Construction Safety to registered companies to remind them of safe construction practices.
3.4	CIC/RSC/P/040/24 (for information)	<p><b>Brainstorming on the Feasibility of Adding “Site Surveying” as a Designated Trade</b></p> <p>Members deliberated on the proposal raised by the Land Surveying Division of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS) on the addition of “Site Surveying” as a designated trade. Members shared that “Site Surveying” was generally conducted by professional surveyors in the market while “Levelling and Setting Out” was carried out by the Levelling and Setting Out registered specialist trade contractors. Members recommended the Secretariat to liaise with the Lands Department, HKIS and the Hong Kong Institution of Engineering Surveyors to further discuss on the market operations of the industry and its scope of services to be provided. Members will deliberate on the proposal again upon collecting further information.</p>
3.5	CIC/RSC/P/041/24 (for information)	<p><b>RSTCS Operation Report</b></p> <p>Members took note of the Operation Report. As of end of April 2024, the total number of registered companies was 7,271 (February 2024: 7,281) in which 1,708 (February 2024: 1,936) were Registered Specialist Trade Contractors and 5,563 (February 2024: 5,345) were Registered Subcontractors.</p> <p>The designated trades of Painting, Metal Work, Structural Steelwork, Horticultural Works, Arboricultural Works and Skyrise Greenery Works had been added as the 15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> designated trades under the Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme with effect from 1 May 2024. The Secretariat made an announcement on the RSTCS website and issued a CIC press release. Relevant registered subcontractors were informed of the updates in writing on 18 April and 26 April.</p>

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3.6	-	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Members reminded the timely review of registration requirements. Members took note and welcomed industry stakeholders to liaise with the Secretariat to exchange views.</p>
3.7	-	<p><b>Date of the Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Members noted that Meeting No. 004/24 of the Com-RSC for 2024 would be held on 11 July 2024 (Thursday) at 2:00 pm at Boardroom, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five, 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay.</p>
3.8 & 3.9	CIC/RSC/P/042/24- CIC/RSC/P/048/24 (for approval)	<p><b>Regulatory Action</b></p> <p>The Com-RSC imposed a total of 12 regulatory actions of written warnings and suspension due to violation of the relevant legislation concerning non-payment of wages and Mandatory Provident Fund contributions and late submission of daily attendance records respectively.</p> <p>With the implementation of the mechanism for immediate suspension of registered companies involved in fatal incidents with effect from 1 January 2024, as of the end of April this year, actions have been taken against four registered companies in accordance with the mechanism.</p>

*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.*