

Construction Industry Council

Committee on Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme (Com-RSC)
Summary of Meeting No. 003/25

Key Highlights

1. Item 3.1 - Special Case Handled by the Sub-committee on Registration Matters

Based on the information provided by the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) and after considering the recommendation of the Sub-committee on Registration Matters, the Com-RSC approved issuing a letter to the registered subcontractor concerned to remind them to operate in compliance with regulations.

2. Item 3.2 – Discussion Prior to Regulatory Hearing

The Com-RSC took note of the legal advice provided by the CIC's legal consultant regarding the concerned case.

3. Item 3.3 - Regulatory Hearing

The regulatory hearing session focused on three cases which, although not resulting in court convictions, were considered serious enough to warrant hearing. These included:

- (a) non-compliant rebar works at the Anderson Road construction site, where the main contractor's registration was revoked and the rebar subcontractor is currently appealing the regulatory action (revocation of registration);
- (b) a director of a registered company involved in the Terminal 2 expansion works of the Hong Kong International Airport, who was prosecuted for suspected bribery and wage exploitation of imported workers, resulting in a six-month suspension of the company's registration across all trades; and
- (c) a registered company involved in the Third Runway Project of the Hong Kong International Airport, whose director and senior personnel were similarly charged and remain wanted, with the company appealing the regulatory action (revocation of registration).

The relevant appeals are scheduled for hearing by the Appeal Panel on 14 August 2025.

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Committee on Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme (RSTCS)

Meeting No. 003/25 of the Committee on Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme (Com-RSC) for 2025 was held on 11 June 2025 (Wednesday) at 2:00 pm 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. 003/25:

Agenda Item	Paper	Major Resolutions / Progress Highlights
3.1	CIC/RSC/P/049/25 (for approval)	<u>Special Case Handled by the Sub-committee on Registration Matters</u> Based on the information provided by the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) and after considering the recommendation of the Sub-committee on Registration Matters, the Com-RSC approved issuing a letter to the registered subcontractor concerned to remind them to operate in compliance with regulations.
3.2	-	<u>Discussion Prior to Regulatory Hearing</u> The Com-RSC took note of the legal advice provided by the CIC's legal consultant regarding the concerned case.
3.3	CIC/RSC/P/046/25 - CIC/RSC/P/048/25 (for approval)	<u>Regulatory Hearing</u> The regulatory hearing session focused on three cases which, although not resulting in court convictions, were considered serious enough to warrant a hearing.

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		<p>The first case involved two registered companies (a main contractor and a rebar subcontractor) working on a construction site for a private residential development. An investigation by the Buildings Department concluded that the rebar works did not comply with the approved plans. After reviewing the published findings and hearing the response from the rebar subcontractor's representative during the hearing, the Com-RSC, having consulted the CIC's Legal and Compliance Department and external legal consultant, imposed regulatory actions in accordance with the rules and procedures of the registration scheme. The registration of the main contractor was revoked. To handle the appeal submitted by the rebar subcontractor, the Appeal Panel has scheduled a hearing session in mid-August 2025.</p> <p>The second case involved a registered company working on the Expansion of T2 project of the Hong Kong International Airport. The then-director of the company was suspected of bribery and wage exploitation in relation to the employment of imported workers. The individual has been formally charged by the ICAC. The Committee held a hearing in accordance with the scheme's rules and procedures and decided to suspend the company's registration across all trades for six months.</p> <p>The third case involved a registered company working on the Third Runway project of the Hong Kong International Airport. The company director, shareholder, and managerial personnel were suspected of bribery and wage exploitation in the employment of imported workers. The individuals involved have been formally charged by the ICAC and remained wanted. The Com-RSC conducted a hearing and imposed regulatory actions in accordance with the scheme's rules. To handle the appeal submitted by the company appeal, the Appeal Panel has scheduled a hearing session in mid-August 2025.</p>

Agenda Item	Paper	Major Resolutions / Progress Highlights
3.4	-	Any Other Business Nil.
3.5	-	Date of the Next Meeting Members took note the Meeting No. 004/25 of the Com-RSC for 2025 would be held on 20 August 2025 (Wednesday) at 2:00 pm at Boardroom, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five, 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay.

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.