

# **Proposed Terms of Reference of the Construction Industry Council**

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- Prior to the establishment of CIC, construction industry reforms were spearheaded by the Provisional Construction Industry Co-ordination Board (PCICB), whose terms of reference are as follows -
  - (a) To deliberate and generate consensus among different sectors of the construction industry on strategic issues affecting the industry, such as construction technology, research and standardisation, and human resources development;*
  - (b) To consider and take forward those recommendations of the Construction Industry Review Committee which require coordination or input by the industry co-ordinating body, including setting priority and timeframe;*

- (c) *To maintain close contact and exchange views with Government on all construction-related matters;*
- (d) *To enhance self-regulatory functions for the construction industry through the formulation of codes of conduct;*
- (e) *To promote sharing of knowledge in industry good practices, innovative construction technologies and sound management techniques;*
- (f) *To devise performance indicators for the construction industry to measure its improvements;*
- (g) *To advise Government on the formation and future development of the industry co-ordinating body; and*
- (h) *To report regularly to the Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works on the work progress of the Provisional Construction Industry Co-ordination Board.*

- The terms of reference of CIC is drawn up taking these into account and incorporated into the CIC Ordinance as the “Functions of the Council”.

# Chapter 2 – Terms and Reference of the Construction Industry Council

- CIC’s scope of work as set out in S5 of the CIC Ordinance is more extensive and specific in nature -

## *“5. Functions of Council*

*The functions of the Council are—*

- (a) to advise and make recommendations to the Government on strategic matters, major policies and legislative proposals, that may affect or are connected with the construction industry, and on matters of concern to the construction industry;*
- (b) to reflect to the Government the construction industry’s needs and aspirations;*”

\* Items not covered in PCICB’s terms of reference are shown in purple.

- (c) to elevate the quality and competitiveness of the construction industry by promoting the ongoing development and improvement of the industry;
- (d) to uphold professionalism and integrity within the construction industry by promoting self-regulation, formulating codes of conduct and enforcing such codes;
- (e) to improve the performance of persons connected with the construction industry through establishing or administering registration schemes or rating schemes;

- (f) to advance the skills of personnel in the construction industry through planning, promotion, supervision, provision or coordination of training courses or programmes;
- (g) to encourage research activities and the use of innovative techniques and to establish or promote the establishment of standards for the construction industry;
- (h) to promote good practices in the construction industry in relation to dispute resolution, environmental protection, multi-layer subcontracting, occupational safety and health, procurement methods, project management and supervision, sustainable construction and other areas conducive to improving construction quality;

- (i) to enhance the cohesiveness of the construction industry by promoting harmonious labour relations and the observance of statutory requirements relating to employment, and by facilitating communication among various sectors of the industry;*
- (j) to serve as a resource centre for the sharing of knowledge and experience within the construction industry;*
- (k) to assess improvements made by the construction industry through the compilation of performance indicators;*

- (l) *to make recommendations with respect to the rate of the levy imposed under this Ordinance; and*
- (m) *to perform any other functions relevant to the construction industry, including those functions conferred or imposed on it by or under this Ordinance or any other enactment.*

- Moreover, due to the anticipated amalgamation of CIC and the Construction Industry Training Authority (CITA), the Council's scope of work will cover training and trade testing matters\* –

### ***“6. Supplementary functions of Council***

*Without limiting section 5, the Council also has the following functions—*

- (a) to provide training courses for the construction industry;*
- (b) to establish and maintain industrial training centres for the construction industry;*

\* CIC may also function as the Registrar of Construction Workers if appointed under the Construction Workers Registration Ordinance.

- (c) *to assist, including by the provision of financial assistance, in the placement of persons who have completed training courses provided for the construction industry;*
- (d) *to assess the standards of skills achieved by any person in any kind of work involving or in connection with the construction industry, to conduct examinations and tests, to issue or award certificates of attendance or competence, and to establish the standards to be achieved in respect of any such work;*
- (e) *where it is appointed under the Construction Workers Registration Ordinance (18 of 2004) as the Registrar of Construction Workers under that Ordinance, to perform the functions conferred or imposed on the Registrar by or under that Ordinance or any other enactment.”*