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A New Publication of the Construction Industry Council
“Guidelines on Safety of Lift Shaft Works”
(Volume 2 - During Lift Installation Stage until Issue of Occupation Permit and
Handing Over to Developer)

Hong Kong • 9 January 2012 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) today released a new publication entitled “*Guidelines on Safety of Lift Shaft Works (Volume 2- During Lift Installation Stage until Issue of Occupation Permit and Handing Over to Developer)*” (the Guidelines). The Guidelines sets out the good practices recommended by the CIC covering this particular work stage for the industry’s reference.

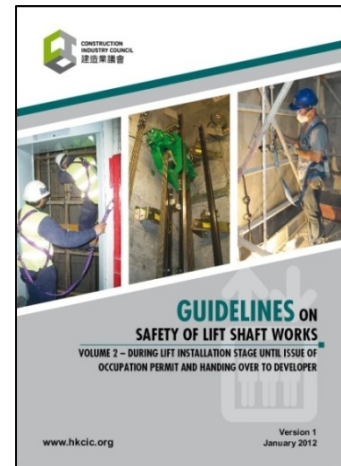
Introduction

Upon completion / partial completion of a lift shaft and at an appropriate timing determined by the main contractor, the lift shaft will be handed over to the lift installation contractor for carrying out the lift installation works. Accidents which occur during this stage could be catastrophic causing serious injuries or even loss of lives and damage to properties. In this regard, the Task Force on Site Safety of Working in Lift Shaft under the Committee on Construction Site Safety (Com-CSS) of the CIC published the Guidelines to identify measures for enhancing work safety of site personnel during this stage.

After publishing the “*Guidelines on Safety of Lift Shaft Works (Volume 1 – During Construction Stage and Before Handing Over to Lift Installation Contractor)*”, the CIC has received favourable responses from the industry. The Com-CSS has thoroughly reviewed the work cycle from the lift installation stage through to the stage of handing over to developer. This Guidelines was published as a sequel to the last publication in 2010 with an aim to encouraging industry practitioners to adopt the designated sets of safety precautionary measures for this particular stage of lift installation works.

Publication of Guidelines

In January 2012, the CIC published the “*Guidelines on Safety of Lift Shaft Works (Volume 2- During Lift Installation Stage until Issue of Occupation Permit and Handing Over to Developer)*”. The Guidelines sets out the good practices recommended by the CIC for enhancing occupational safety of site personnel working inside or near lift shafts during lift installation stage until issue of Occupation Permit and handing over to developer.



Mr. LEE Shing-see, Chairman of the CIC says, “This publication promotes safe practices for lift installation works, with reference to core ingredients of a safe system of work including the principles of risk assessment and elimination, hazard reduction, accident prevention and protection of workers.”

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“It is strongly recommended that both main contractor and lift installation contractor should make reference and comply with all the safety measures for lift shaft works as stipulated in Volume 1 and Volume 2 of the Guidelines in order to implement a safe system of work during those stages, as the safety of construction personnel is of paramount importance to our industry,” added Mr. CHEUNG Hau-wai, Chairman of the Com-CSS.

It is hoped that the Guidelines could stimulate the whole construction industry to adopt safety precautionary measures for lift installation works. Ms Ada FUNG, Chairperson of the Task Force says, “Ensuring safety at construction sites requires continual collaboration and commitment from all relevant stakeholders. We call upon the continuous support of the whole industry to proactively adopt the recommendations stipulated in the Guidelines to secure a safe working environment in construction sites.”

The Guidelines is made available at the CIC website <www.hkccic.org>.

About the Construction Industry Council

The Construction Industry Council (CIC) was formed on 1 February 2007 under the Construction Industry Council Ordinance Cap. 587. CIC consists of a chairman and 24 members representing various sectors of the industry including employers, professionals, academics, contractors, workers, independent persons and

Government officials.

The main functions of CIC are to forge consensus on long-term strategic issues, convey the industry's needs and aspirations to Government, provide training for construction workforce and serve as a communication channel for Government to solicit advice on all construction-related matters.

To learn more about the CIC, please visit website <www.hkcic.org> for further details.

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