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Construction Industry Council Took Regulatory Action against Registered Companies under the Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme in relation to the Fatal Industrial Incident in Sha Tin

Hong Kong • 24 April 2024 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) has always emphasised "construction safety" as the cornerstone of the industry's development. In response to the fatal industrial incident at the sewer cleansing worksite in Sha Tin on 23 April 2024, the Committee on Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme (Com-RSTCS) of the CIC has suspended the registration of all trades and specialties of the three registered companies concerned in accordance with the regulatory regime under the "Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme" (RSTCS).

The registered companies concerned were on the CIC's Register of Registered Subcontractors (RS). The Com-RSTCS issued written notifications today to the registered companies concerned to suspend their RSTCS registration with immediate effect. The registered companies concerned are required to conduct an independent safety audit to review their safety management system, submit an improvement plan based on the results of the safety audit and complete the implementation of the improvement measures. The Com-RSTCS will consider lifting the "immediate suspension" upon the completion of an independent safety audit to the satisfaction of the Com-RSTCS by the registered companies concerned.

The CIC will continue to stringently follow up with registered companies involving in serious incidents in accordance with the regulatory mechanism under the RSTCS.

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About the Construction Industry Council

The Construction Industry Council (CIC) was formed in 2007 under the Construction Industry Council Ordinance (Cap. 587). The 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 the CIC are to forge consensus on long-term strategic issues, convey the industry's needs and aspirations to the Government, provide professional training and registration services, and serve as a communication channel between the Government and the construction industry.

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