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Statement by the Construction Industry Council in Response to the Recent Industrial Incidents

Hong Kong • 8 November 2024 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) is concerned about the two fatal industrial incidents related to workers falling from height happened in the past week. The CIC is saddened to learn the incidents and would like to express our sincere condolences to the workers' family.

Site safety is the foundation of the construction industry, and it is everyone's responsibility to maintain a safe workplace. The CIC reminds workers to take appropriate safety measures when working at height, such as using working platforms and Full Body Harnesses, which shall be attached continuously to suitable and secure anchor points, or independent lifelines with fall arresting systems, and also comply with the relevant laws and regulations. Site supervisors should also fulfill their responsibility, by formulating working guidelines and safe working cycles, conduct risk assessments thoroughly, and supervise workers to observe the guidelines to safeguard their safety. While management shall introduce construction technologies to sites, for instance applying the Smart Site Safety System (4S) to reduce potential hazards with the assistance of sensors and IoT, etc..

One life lost is too many. The CIC urges the industry to step up and work together in preventing further incidents by means of enhancing education, applying innovative technologies and strengthening supervision.

For the details of the guidelines on working at height, please refer to the "Work at Height Safety Handbook" (July 2019) published by the CIC.

Website:

<https://www.cic.hk/files/page/51/J190303%20WAH%20Booklet-Final%20version%202.pdf>

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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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