

Construction Industry Council

Committee on Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme

Meeting No. 003/21 of the Committee on Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme (Com-RSC) for 2021 was held on 8 September 2021 (Wednesday) at 2:30pm at Boardroom, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five, 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay.

Summary Notes of the Com-RSC Meeting No. 003/21:

Agenda Item	Paper	Major Resolutions/Progress Highlights
3.1	CIC/RSC/M/002/21 (for approval)	Confirmation of the Minutes of Previous Meeting Members confirmed the minutes of the previous Meeting No. 002/21 held on 9 June 2021.
3.2	-	Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting Nil.
3.3	CIC/RSC/P/028/21 (for approval)	Progress Report on Temporary Task Force Regarding the two cases referred from the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) and based on information collected, legal advice and individual circumstances of companies involved, the Com-RSC would initiate regulatory hearing and issue reminder letter on business compliance respectively against the four companies involved.
3.4	CIC/RSC/P/029/21 (for approval)	Addition of Integrity Management as Registration Requirement In view of the introduction of integrity management to the admission requirements of the lists of public works contractors by the Development Bureau (DEVB) with effective from March 2021, and to enhance the levels of integrity management of Registered Specialist Trade Contractors and Registered Subcontractors, the Com-RSC approved the below items: (a) Addition of integrity management as the new registration requirement and corresponding

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		<p>amendments to the Rules & Procedures, which included;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Submission of integrity policy; and (ii) Arrange top management to complete integrity training. <p>(b) Phased implementation timetable within 2022, which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Submit integrity policy with effective from 1 April 2022; and (ii) Submit integrity training record of top management upon application for renewal of registration with effective from 1 January 2023.
3.5	CIC/RSC/P/030/21 (for approval)	<p>Amendments of “Guideline on the Use of Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Logo”</p> <p>The Com-RSC approved the new logo for supporting organisations and corresponding amendments to the guideline on use of logos in order to enhance promotion of the Scheme.</p>
3.6	CIC/RSC/P/031/21 (for information)	<p>Operation Reports on the Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme (RSTCS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) As of the end of August 2021, there were 1,883 RSTCs, whereas 204 were Group 2 RSTCs (May 2021: 185) and 5,838 registered subcontractors (RSs) with a total of 7,721 registered companies (May 2021: 7,628); (b) The Secretariat continued the proactive multiple engagements with target companies, main contractors and key trade associations to urge those grandfathered Group 1 RSTCs of the seven designated trades to prove compliance with the new registration requirements by submitting the information required or otherwise their registrations would be cancelled; (c) The CIC, DEVB and ICAC had co-organised the “Integrity Charter Launching Ceremony” on 24 September 2021; and (d) The Secretariat had liaised with Hong Kong Plumbing & Sanitary Ware Trade Association Ltd., Architectural Ceiling Association, Hong Kong Tower Crane Association and Hong Kong Professional Hoisting Engineering Association Limited with regards of addition of new designated trades during July and August. Feedbacks from associations were mainly positive.

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3.7	-	Any Other Business In response to a Member's comments on enforcement arrangement of regulatory actions imposed, the representatives from the DEVB and Housing Authority confirmed their prevailing contractual requirements that registered companies under suspension of registration would not be employed for new subcontracts, whereas ongoing ones would continue as usual. Regular reminders to main contractors on the contractual requirements would be arranged in due course.
3.8	CIC/RSC/P/032/21 - CIC/RSC/P/038/21 (for information)	Regulatory Hearing The third regulatory hearing of 2021 was conducted. A total of seven registered companies were sanctioned with written warning and suspension of registration due to late payment of MPF contributions and wages of workers and violations of safety regulations in fatal site accidents.

Remarks: The mentioned papers discussed at the Com-RSC and/or the full Minutes can be made available to Council Members from the CIC Secretariat upon request.