

**Construction Industry Council**

**Committee on Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme**

Meeting No. 003/22 of the Committee on Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme (Com-RSC) for 2022 was held on 7 September 2022 (Wednesday) at 2:15pm at Boardroom, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five, 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay and via video conferencing.

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Summary Notes of the Com-RSC Meeting No. 003/22:

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Paper</b>	<b>Major Resolutions/Progress Highlights</b>
3.1	CIC/RSC/M/002/22 (for approval)	<b>Confirmation of the Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>  Members confirmed the minutes of the previous Meeting No. 002/22 held on 1 June 2022.
3.2	-	<b>Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting</b>  To be covered under Agenda Item 3.5.
3.3	CIC/RSC/P/031/22 (for approval)	<b>Addition of “Truss Out Scaffolding” and “Gondola”(Permanent and Temporary) as Designated Trades</b>  The Hong Kong & Kowloon Scaffolders General Merchants Association, HK Scaffolding SME Association, Bamboo Scaffolding Association and Hong Kong Professional Gondola Association wrote to the Com-RSC in August 2022 respectively requesting for adding “Truss Out Scaffolding”, “Gondola(Permanent)” and “Gondola(Temporary)” as the 12 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> designated trades under the Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme (RSTCS). Members took note of trades practices from respective associations and they exchanged views on the proposed registration requirements and transitional arrangements, etc. After much deliberation, the Com-RSC approved in principal the addition of the three aforementioned trades

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		as designated trades of the Scheme, but requested the Secretariat to follow up with associations' representatives on members' comments on optimizing registration requirements and grouping arrangement. The Secretariat shall then inform members by circulation.
3.4	CIC/RSC/P/032/22 (for information)	<b>Progress Report of Designated Trades “Good Practice Manual” (the Manual)</b>  Members took note and deliberated on the presentation made by the representatives from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) regarding work progress and framework of the Manual. After much deliberations, the Secretariat was requested to follow up with PolyU consultant on members' key opinions, so as to enhance manuals' contents and reflect actual trade practices. Members expected the final draft to be submitted later being able to present the arrangement of “passing one trade to another” and with refined details.
3.5	CIC/RSC/P/033/22 (for approval)	<b>Set up Task Force on proposed Automatic Suspension of Registration on Fatal Accidents</b>  Further to the approval of the Com-RSC on setting up a task force on the subject matter in last meeting, the Com-RSC approved the membership and terms of reference. The task force will recommend their suggested follow-up actions to the Com-RSC in due course.
3.6	CIC/RSC/P/034/22 (for information)	<b>Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme (RSTCS) Operation Report</b>  (a) As of the end of August 2022, the total number of registered companies was 7,774 (April 2022: 7,764) in which 1,101 (April 2022: 1,402) were Registered Specialist Trade Contractors (RSTCs) and 6,673 (April 2022: 6,362) were Registered Subcontractors (RSs); (b) Registration of “Building Drainage Installation” as the 11 <sup>th</sup> designated trade had started from 1 September 2022. Existing RSs of relevant trade were allowed with 18 months for smooth transition. The Secretariat had co-organised a dedicated webinar with Hong Kong Plumbing and Sanitary Ware Trade Association on 10 August with an aim to encourage association's members to submit Group 2 application through pre-vetting service and be

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		<p>prepared for the imposition of tender limit which will be implemented on 1 June 2023 ;</p> <p>(c) The Secretariat had strengthened notification mechanism of the most updated regulatory action imposed by the Com-RSC, eDM will be sent to employers, associations, main contractors and registered companies regularly reminding them to engage registered companies in accordance to relevant public works contract and reference model clauses of the RSTCS;</p> <p>(d) 5 meetings and regulatory hearings had been scheduled in 2023.</p>
3.7	-	<b>Any Other Business</b>  Nil.
3.8	CIC/RSC/P/035/22- CIC/RSC/P/036/22 (for information)	<b>Regulatory Hearing</b>  The Com-RSC held regulatory hearing for the two companies, in which, one company was sanctioned with suspension of registration due to violations of safety regulations in a fatal site accident; while the other one's registration was cancelled due to failure of fulfilling registration requirements.

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