

Construction Industry Council

Committee on Environment and Technology

Meeting No. 001/14 of the Committee on Environment and Technology for 2014 was held on 16 January 2014 (Thursday) at 2:30pm at Meeting Room 1, CIC Headquarters, 15/F Allied Kajima Building, 138 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

Summary Notes of the Committee on Environment and Technology Meeting No. 001/14.

Agenda Item	Paper	Major Resolutions/ Progress Highlights
1.1	CIC/ENT/R/004/13	<u>Confirmation of the Progress Report of the Previous Meeting</u> Members confirmed the progress report of the previous meeting held on Wednesday, 2 October 2013.
1.2	-	<u>Matters Arising from the Last Meeting</u> A reply letter was sent to the Construction Industry Group in relation to their suggestions on the works of the Committee.
1.3	CIC/ENT/P/001/14 (for discussion)	<u>Testing Guidelines for Steel Reinforcement</u> Hong Kong Rebar Importers & Stockists Association gave a presentation on their concerns with the burden of the on-site testing and the efficiency of the rebar processing on-site and proposed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sampling of steel reinforcement off-site (witnessed by an independent third party) and tested by an accredited laboratory, which would then be delivered to the site or processing yard under a traceable labelling system• Cut & bend reinforcement steel in an off-site processing facility. After deliberation, the Association agreed to reconsider the proposal for complying with the statutory requirements of the Buildings Ordinance and would approach the Buildings Department directly as the proposed change involved statutory process.
1.4	-	<u>Briefing on Findings of HKGBC and BEC Joint Working Group on Construction and Demolition Waste</u> Members took note of the study findings.

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1.5	IC/ENT/P/002/14 (for information)	Task Force on River Sand Substitutes Research Members took of the progress of the study.
1.6	CIC/ENT/P/003/14 (for information)	Working Group on Roadmap for BIM Implementation The following issues were highlighted: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The tender for consultancy service to carry out the preparation of BIM standards (Phase One) would be finalised as soon as possible.• The promotion activities for BIM were listed in Annex B of the Paper.• Capacity of BIM Professionals - The Secretariat was working with HKIBIM and training institutes in setting out a framework for registration of BIM professionals and accreditation of relevant BIM training courses. Regarding the submission of building plans in BIM format, a Member commented that, apart from the Buildings Department, the plan should also be accepted by other departments who review building plans.
1.7	-	Updates on Carbon Labelling Scheme The Scheme was now open for applications. Phase II research would commence in February 2014 with ten other construction materials to be studied, including concrete, timber, stainless steel, aggregates and etc.
1.8	-	Amendments to the Committee Members took note of the changes to the Committee.
1.9	-	Any Other Business CIC Conference 2013 themed “Construction Innovation and Productivity” was successfully held on 29th November 2013 with the record-breaking of over 250 delegates.