Construction Industry Council

Committee on Environment

Meeting No. 002/20 of the Committee on Environment (Com-ENV) was held on 30 Jun 2020 (Tuesday) at 2:30pm at Board Room, 38/F COS Centre 56 Tsun Yip Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong

Summary Notes of the Com-ENV Meeting No. 002/20:

Agenda Item	Paper	Major Resolutions/ Progress Highlights
2.1	CIC/ENV/M/001/20	Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting Members of Com-ENV took note and confirmed the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 March 2020.
2.2	CIC/ENV/M/001/20	Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting Item 1.3 - Consultancy Services on Development and Implementation of CIC Sustainable Construction Model and E-platform CIC Secretariat reported that Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency (HKQAA) had defined clearly on the rationale of fundamental and advanced practices based on the recommendations from engagement sessions and pilot projects.
		Item 1.4 - Green Finance Opportunities in Construction Industry CIC Secretariat reported that the tender of Sustainable Construction Certification Scheme on Green Finance had been issued and a Working Group had also been established to oversee the projects. Item 1.5 - Progress Update of Consultancy Services on Development and Implementation of CIC Carbon Assessment Tool

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		CIC Secretariat reported that Cundall had proposed several incentives to encourage wider applications for both public and private works projects.
2.3	CIC/ENV/P/004/20 (for approval)	Consultancy Services on Sustainable Construction Certification Scheme on Green Finance Members were briefed on the tender recommendation including the background, tender assessment for the nine tenderers and the follow-up actions in post-tender stage.
		 The assessment panel did not recommend the vendor with the highest assessment score based on the following reasons: (i) The price of the tender sum was unreasonably low which was 4 times lower than the average tender sum of all tenderers. The technical assessment score was also relatively low; and (ii) The vendor was unable to provide documentary proof of supporting financial institutions.
		Members concerned there is no clear definition on unreasonably low price in the Procurement Manual. After deliberation, Members agreed to re-tender the captioned project. CIC Secretariat would initiate the re-tender process based on Members' recommendation.
2.4	CIC/ENV/P/005/20 (for approval)	Progress Update of Consultancy Services on Development and Implementation of CIC Carbon Assessment Tool Cundall reported that the Tool has been integrated into BEAM Plus NB v1.1 and 1.2 with effective from January 2021. CIC will jointly organise CPD trainings with BEAM Society Limited to assist the practitioners to understand more about embodied carbon and its applications. Cundall engaged private developers and civil project owners, e.g. CEDD and New World Development, etc. for further implementation of the Tool.

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		Members approved the Paper CIC/ENV/P/005/20 and the final report of the Tool. Considering the positive feedbacks from World Green Building Council, support from the industry and BEAM Plus integration, Members agreed to appoint a consultant to provide the enhancement and operation services of the Tool. CIC Secretariat would initiate the procurement process accordingly.
2.5	CIC/ENV/P/006/20 (for approval)	Progress Update of Consultancy Services on Development and Implementation of CIC Sustainable Construction Model and E-platform HKQAA reported the findings of pilot projects and the online engagement session. Stakeholders were supportive to the model content which could provide green finance related practices. Members approved the Paper CIC/ENV/P/006/20 and the Model contents. HKQAA would finalise the website design and circulate the content to the upcoming consultant of Sustainable Construction Certification Scheme on Green Finance.
2.6	CIC/ENV/P/007/20 (for endorsement)	Detailed Business Plan and Annual budget for 2021 The proposed annual budget in 2021 is HK\$7 million. Members were briefed the tasks that would be carried out by the Com-ENV in 2021 and endorsed the Paper CIC/ENV/P/007/20, the detailed business plan and annual budget for Council's approval.
2.7	PowerPoint Presentation (for information)	Update from Hong Kong Green Building Council The HKGBC representatives updated the status of CIC-funded projects including World Sustainable Built Environment Conference (WSBE) and CIC Green Product Certification, etc. CIC and HKGBC

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		will prepare the HK Report 2020 for the WSBE event to showcase the best practises of construction industry in HK.
2.8	PowerPoint Presentation (for information)	Any Other Business CIC Secretariat reported the promotion plan of CIC Sustainable Construction Award 2020. A total of 306 no. of applications were received. Technical Committee will conduct initial assessment and site interview.
		Members agreed to dissolve The Task Force on "Strategy for Management and Reduction of Construction and Demolition Waste in Hong Kong" as the project has been completed.
		Members were briefed and approved on the progress of the research project, namely "Promoting the Use of Recycled Aggregates Derived from Demolition Waste in Concrete".

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