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The Construction Industry Council releases “Guidelines on the Adoption of the Pay for Safety Scheme”

Hong Kong • 13 December 2012 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) today released a new publication entitled “*Guidelines on the Adoption of the Pay for Safety Scheme*” (Guidelines). The purpose of the Guidelines is to promote good practice in construction contracts for both public and private projects.

Introduction

Construction works entail a variety of high-risk activities. Main contractors are responsible for adopting safe work practices and necessary precautionary measures to ensure construction sites under their control and supervision are in good and secure conditions. The Pay for Safety Scheme (PFSS) aims at developing a fair and equitable environment for the contracting parties under a construction project to manage site safety matters.

Publication of Guidelines

The Committee on Construction Site Safety (Com-CSS) of the CIC published the “*Guidelines on the Adoption of the Pay for Safety Scheme*”. Mr. CHEUNG Hau-wai, Chairman of the Com-CSS said, “The Guidelines advocates good practices and urges construction industry stakeholders to make concerted efforts to improve site safety performance by the adoption of PFSS. It also encourages the parties who paid for the construction works and the main contractors to actively allocate adequate attention and resources on the provision of site safety measures.”



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the Pay for Safety Scheme

Mrs. Irene CHENG, Acting Deputy Director (Development & Construction) of the Hong Kong Housing Authority, said, “In order to prevent contractors from compromising construction safety during the tender process, we strongly support the implementation of the PFSS. By adopting PFSS together



with other safety measures, notable results are evinced not only in significantly reducing the number of construction site accidents in our projects but also in the enhanced safety conditions on site.”

Ir Conrad WONG, Managing Director of a reputable construction company, added that contractors also find the scheme favorable as it provides them with a very good financial incentive to enhance construction site safety. He urged private developers to actively adopt the PFSS in their projects.

As construction projects can vary significantly in size, scope, complexity and nature, industry stakeholders are advised to consider the suitability and determine the implementation details when adopting the PFSS in their works. The CIC also encourages stakeholders to take concerted efforts in improving site safety performance by adopting the PFSS.

About the Construction Industry Council

The Construction Industry Council (CIC) was formed on 1 February 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 Government, provide training for construction workforce and serve as a communication channel for Government to solicit advice on all construction-related matters.

To learn more about the CIC, please visit website <www.hkcic.org> for further details.

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