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Construction Industry Council Releases Status Update on the Review of Local Construction Standards

Hong Kong • 29 June 2012 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) today issued a new publication entitled “Status Report – Update on the Review of Local Construction Standards 2012” (The Report). It aims to provide an update on the status of migrating from the adoption of British Standards in structural designs to Eurocodes in the construction industry of Hong Kong. The purpose is to determine whether a smooth transition would be achievable.

Background

The Summary Report on Review of Local Construction Standards was published by the CIC in October 2010 to address concerns surrounding the impact of the withdrawal of British Standards for structural design, which started in March 2010. Due consideration was given to determining the readiness of the industry for adopting alternative standards as replacements.

The Report

The Report was prepared by the Committee on Environment and Technology of the CIC, and focused mainly on the progress of implementation of Eurocodes.

Some Works Departments of the Government have already started their works on the application of Eurocode-based standards on a trial basis. It is expected that their respective design manuals would be updated according to Eurocodes through consultancy studies and pilot projects.

While the migration currently focuses on the design stage in construction, some salient points remain. The availability of Eurocode-compiling construction materials, for example, needs to be addressed. The review also brought up the accreditation issue for testing laboratories and equipment, as well as an industry-wide update of design software. Besides, appropriate training must be offered to the relevant construction personnel.

The Report is available for download at the CIC website <www.hkcic.org>.

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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