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(Attn : Miss Monna Lai)

Dear Miss Lai,

Buildings (Amendment) Bill 2007 (the Bill)

Thank you for your letter dated 25 February 2008 concerning the three types of building works to be covered by the validation scheme. Our response to your enquiries is set out in ensuring paragraphs.

The three types of building works to be covered in the proposed validation scheme, namely supporting frames for air-conditioning units, drying racks and small window canopies, do not fall within the exemption criteria as stipulated in section 41(3) of the Buildings Ordinance (BO). These three types of building works are appended on the exteriors and are not standalone structures. They are projections from the external walls of buildings. Under the extant BO, approval of plans and consent for commencement of works from the Building Authority have to be obtained for these three types of building works, failure of which will constitute a contravention of section 14(1) of the BO.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jerry Cheung', written over a light blue circular stamp.

(Jerry Cheung)

for Secretary for Development

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