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Dear Mr CHEUNG

Buildings (Amendment) Bill 2007 (the Bill)

We are scrutinizing the legal and drafting aspects of the above Bill and have the following comment:

Provisional register of minor works contractors

The proposed section 8A(1)(c) of the Bill provides that the Building Authority is to keep a register or provisional register of minor works contractors who are qualified to carry out minor works belonging to the class, type and item specified in the register in which they are registered.

The proposed section 38(1AA) of the Bill provides that without limiting the generality of subsection (1), the Secretary may by regulation provide for the registration of persons as registered minor works contractors in the provisional register (whether or not as supplemental or transitional arrangements).

Please clarify the policy for the setting up of the provisional register of minor works contractors. Is there a validity period for the provisional register of minor works contractors?

It is appreciated that your reply in both Chinese and English could reach us by close of play, 27 December 2007.

Yours sincerely

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