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Bills Committee
on Buildings (Amendment) Bill 2007
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8 Jackson Road
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Dear Ms Yue,

Buildings (Amendment) Bill 2007
Submission by the Minor Works Concerns Group

I refer to the submission from the Minor Works Concerns Group (“the Concern Group”) dated 6 June 2008. Our response is as follows:

The Construction Workers Registration Ordinance (“CWRO”) is applicable to workers conducting minor works falling within the definition of “construction work” in “construction site” stipulated under the CWRO. Phase I Prohibition of the CWRO, commenced on 1 September 2007, prohibits workers from carrying out construction works on construction sites unless they are registered under the CWRO. The minor works trade has indicated no major difficulty in complying with the requirements in this phase. Construction workers are required to register as “general workers”, “skilled/semi-skilled

workers” or “skilled/semi-skilled workers (provisional)” under the CWRO for carrying out works of any trade.

Regarding the remaining phase of prohibition which requires registration of skilled workers according to their specific areas of expertise, the Administration has been proactively consulting the Concern Group and other stakeholders in the trade to review how Schedule I under the CWRO should be amended to facilitate the Registered Minor Works Contractors registered under the Buildings Ordinance in the future to suitably register as skilled workers under the CWRO. We will carefully consider the suggestion and comments of the Concern Group and will maintain close contact with the Concern Group with a view to reaching an early consensus.

Yours sincerely,

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