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(Amendment) Regulation 2008
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Dear Ms Choi

Subcommittee on Building (Refuse Storage and Material Recovery Chambers and Refuse Chutes) (Amendment) Regulation 2008
Meeting on 16 June 2008

Thank you for your letter dated 2 June 2008 inviting the Institute to present views on the captioned amendment of Regulation 2008.

The Institute supports in principle the amendment as a start to a holistic implementation of recyclable separation and recycling, with a view to supporting the ultimate aim of waste minimization and resource conservation from both local and global concerns. The Administration should follow up, upon the implementation of this amendment, with subsequent promulgation of more effective policy on strengthening of the local recycling industry within a target period, say 3 years, as well as on promoting less waste generation in the first instance; otherwise, the effort of the building industry in such hardware provision will be wasted.

Overall, we earnestly support and look forward to seeing an effective and comprehensive strategy, combining both hardware and software provisions, to attain more significant waste reduction result in Hong Kong. The current local practice is clearly not sustainable, and all government and public-funded organizations are expected to step up in leading more significant, quantifiable changes in these few years.

Yours sincerely

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