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Dear Ms YUE,

**Buildings (Amendment) Ordinance 2008
(Commencement) Notice 2008 (L.N. 225)**


Thank you for your letter dated 24 October 2008. I am pleased to report the progress of preparation for the implementation of the minor works control system.

Since the enactment of the Buildings (Amendment) Ordinance 2008 in June this year, we have been refining the draft Building (Minor Works and Other Matters) Regulation (“the Regulation”) (a working draft of the Regulation was tabled at the Bills Committee meeting of the Buildings (Amendment) Bill 2007). The Regulation set out the modus operandi of the minor works control regime, including the registration mechanism for contractors, the procedures for carrying out different classes of minor works as well as the schedule of minor works items. The Buildings Department is working closely with the industry,

including the Minor Works Concern Group comprising frontline minor works practitioners, in finalising the Regulation. We aim to table the Regulation in the Legislative Council in early 2009 for Members' consideration. Preparation for registration and publicity work is being handled in parallel. Subject to the scrutiny of the Regulation and the progress of the preparatory work, we expect to launch the minor works control system by the end of 2009 at the earliest.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Development

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