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Dear Mr Wong,

**Buildings (Amendment) Bill 2003
Deletion of Minor Works Proposal**

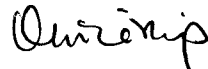
Thank you for your letter dated 17 May 2004 to the Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands.

The proposed minor works control regime has been extensively discussed in the Bills Committee of the Buildings (Amendment) Bill 2003 (the Bill). During the deliberations, Bills Committee Members and minor works associations raised various views and certain concerns over the proposal, particularly on how it might affect the livelihood of those who are currently engaged in minor works. In view of the need to further consult the industry and the limited time left before the end of this LegCo session, both the Bills Committee and the Government considered it more appropriate to delete the minor works regime from the Bill. This will allow time to map out a more comprehensive proposal agreeable to parties concerned.

The minor works control regime aims to provide a simple and legal channel for carrying out works of a smaller scale. We share your view that its implementation will help promote public safety. In the meantime, we are continuing our consultation with the industry and refining the details of the minor works proposal with a view to introducing another amendment Bill to LegCo in the next LegCo session on the subject.

I am most grateful for your association's support of our minor works policy proposal, and look forward to working with you to enhance building safety in Hong Kong.

Yours sincerely,



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