14 January 2013

Dear ACES Members,

**Deployment of Civil Engineers as a Rescue Engineer in Ops Lionheart Contingent**

The Disaster Assistance & Rescue Team (DART), Singapore Civil Defence Force is exploring the possibility of deploying Civil Engineers who are registered with ACES as a Rescue Engineer in Ops Lionheart Contingent.

**What is Ops Lionheart Contingent (OLH)**

OLH Contingent is formed in 1990 and is SCDF’s overseas rescue contingent available on 24 hours standby to provide assistance to countries affected by major disasters. This contingent consists of 55 men who are specialists in their area of expertise. Examples:

- USAR (Urban Search & Rescue) – to provide advise and assist on activities involving USAR operations
- Medical – to provide advise and assist on activities involving medical intervention
- Rescue Engineers – to provide technical inputs on the severity / impact of disaster on buildings stability and structures so the Contingent commander can use the information in their planning considerations to conduct rescues

**Standby Period**

The personnel on standby changes every quarter i.e. January-March, April-June, July-September, October-December. Upon activation, the personnel on standby is required to report to SCDF headquarters within a stipulated timing.

ACES members who are interested to join the Rescue Engineer in Ops Lionheart Contingent, please email your name and contact details to secretariat@aces.org.sg by **25 January 2013**.

Thank you & kind regards,

ACES Secretariat