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To: Management Corporations and Town Councils

Dear Sirs

PROTECTION OF CONCEALED GAS PIPES

In condominiums, private apartments and executive condominiums, gas pipes are usually concealed in walls of residential units and common areas by the developers. As such, residents and contractors may not be aware of the locations or routing of these concealed gas pipes and may accidentally damage a concealed gas pipe when carrying out renovation works. This will result in a gas leak that may lead to a potentially dangerous situation.

2 Under the provisions of the Gas (Supply) Regulations, it is an offence for a person to carry out any works which would affect a gas installation (including gas pipes) in a manner that might endanger any person or property.

3 To promote greater awareness of gas safety amongst the residents and contractors, the Energy Market Authority has produced a gas safety poster on protection of concealed gas pipes. We are pleased to enclose 4 copies of the poster showing the precautions to be taken when carrying out renovation or installation works. We strongly encourage you to display these gas safety posters at prominent locations at the condominium/apartment blocks under your management.

4 In addition, we suggest you to include a caution note in your application form for renovation works to remind residents/contractors of the presence of concealed gas pipes and to take the necessary precautions when carrying out renovations. You are also advised to make available the relevant layout plan of the concealed gas pipes to the contractors or residents.
5 If you wish to obtain extra copies of the gas safety poster or need any clarification, please contact Mr Lee Kheng Khoon at Tel:63767616 (lee_kheng_khoon@ema.gov.sg) or Mr Tan Yian Beng at Tel:63767592 (tan_yian_beng@ema.gov.sg). You may also refer to http://www.ema.gov.sg for more information on gas safety.

Yours faithfully

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BEWARE OF CONCEALED GAS PIPES WHEN RENOVATING

Ensure that concealed gas pipes are not damaged

Locate concealed gas pipes using your house's gas pipes layout plan or with a metal detector

A damaged gas pipe will result in a gas leak

Any work on gas pipes should be done by a licensed gas service worker

Request City Gas to temporarily cut off gas supply during your renovations

Call 1800-752 1800 immediately if you suspect a gas leak

If you choose not to temporarily cut off your gas supply during renovation, you are advised to check for gas leak at the end of each day. You can do so by turning off all your gas appliances and checking your gas meter. If the meter is ticking, there is likely to be a gas leak. Turn off the gas valve located at the gas meter. Then call City Gas at 1800-752 1800 immediately.
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