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CIRCULAR TO PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTES / ASSOCIATIONS

CALLS FOR INDUSTRY COMMENTS ON REVISED BCA GREEN MARK CRITERIA FOR NEW BUILDINGS

Objective

1. This circular is to invite industry comments on the revised BCA Green Mark Criteria for New Buildings before implementation.

Background

2. BCA launched the BCA Green Mark Scheme in Jan 2005 to encourage and promote the development of environmentally sustainable buildings. It is a green building rating system to evaluate a building for its environmental impact and performance. Over last few years, the scheme has been well recognised and received by the industry. It is now widely used as the standard and basis for determining the eligibility and grant quantum under the various green building related incentive programmes. Its criteria framework was also largely adopted as the compliance method under the current regulatory requirement on environmental sustainability for buildings.

3. In line with government's continual commitment to reduce the carbon emission and energy intensity for building sector, BCA has recently reviewed and fine-tuned the BCA Green Mark Criteria for New Buildings to achieve greater energy and resource efficiency in building developments. The proposed revision would raise the energy efficiency standard by 10% from current standard. Correspondingly, the energy efficiency standards for other Green Mark levels, i.e. Gold, GoldPlus, and Platinum will also be raised. Other aspects of environmental sustainability in building developments such as water efficiency and efficient use of construction materials will be given greater emphasis to encourage better resource-efficient design and practices.
4. BCA has earlier sought feedback from key stakeholders and has incorporated their contributions to the revised draft criteria. Similarly, we would like to seek you and your members’ feedback to further improve on the requirement before finalising the criteria for implementation.

**Details of the Revision & Closing Date for Comments**

5. The full details of the draft criteria and changes are enclosed in Annex A for your reference. Interested parties are invited to submit their comments using the template in Annex B by email to greenmark@bca.gov.sg. The closing date for comments is 20 Apr 2010.

**Clarification**

6. If you or your members have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the following officers:

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**Informing members**

7. I would appreciate it if you could convey the contents of this circular to members of your organisation.

Thank you.

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