

## **General Requirements for Channel Planking/ Sheet Piling/ Pile Wall/ Grout Curtain Works / Diaphragm Wall / Excavation and Lateral Support Works**

To ensure full compliance with the Buildings Ordinance (BO), it is prudent for the Authorized Person who acts as the coordinator of the building works to inform the Registered General Building Contractor (RGBC)/Registered Specialist Contractor (RSC) of all the imposed conditions attached to this approval.

2. You are reminded that the approval of this submission does not infer that any general building plans corresponding to this application will be approved by the Building Authority and it is your duty to ensure that the approved structural submissions are compatible with the approved general building plans.

3. Under item 6 of section 17(1) of the BO, you are required to submit initial readings of all the monitoring stations prior to the commencement of the [please refer to approval letter for details e.g. channel planking/sheet piling/pile wall/grout curtain/diaphragm wall/excavation and lateral support] works and subsequent monitoring readings at bi-weekly intervals during the course of works. A copy of the monitoring record shall be kept on site for inspection by staff of Buildings Department. Monitoring checkpoints should be duly monitored and assessed at various critical stages of construction works and the RGBC/RSC should regularly update the works programme of site activities.

4. Under regulation 10 of the Building (Administration) Regulations, you are required to submit a pre-construction condition survey report on the ground, the adjacent structures and services located within and in the vicinity of the site. The area to be surveyed shall cover at least 50m from the perimeter of the site. Under section 16(3)(b) of the BO, the consent for the commencement of [please refer to approval letter for details e.g. channel planking/sheet piling/pile wall/grout curtain/diaphragm wall/excavation and lateral support] works will not be given until the report has been submitted and found satisfactory.

5. The Public Relation Plan (PR Plan) submitted on [please refer to approval letter for details] is hereby acknowledged. Please ensure that prompt and effective communication with the occupants of adjacent buildings should be taken in accordance with the PR Plan submitted during the course of the works.

6. You are reminded that the record plans and/or test reports required under this approval should be submitted within the time frame as specified in the attached appendix/appendices. Delay in the submission of the required documents may affect the timely processing of Form BA14 and/or occupation permit applications.

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7. You are reminded that exemption from regulation 33(1) of the Building (Administration) Regulations in respect of minor amendments to the above approved works should be obtained prior to carrying out of the minor amendment works during construction process. You are therefore advised to submit the application for exemption simultaneously with the application for the first consent to the commencement of the said works. Your attention is drawn to the “Minor Amendments” section of PNAP ADM-19.

8. Your attention is drawn to our circular letter dated 30 March 2023 regarding the Smart Site Safety System (SSSS) which can be downloaded from BD website under the “Practice notes and circular letters” page of the “Resources” section or at the direct link “<https://shorturl.at/jmyBY>”. You are strongly encouraged to adopt the SSSS and select suitable devices of SSSS for use in your construction contracts based on the nature of the construction works and details of the high-risk activities involved. Please note that the Construction Innovation and Technology Fund has launched a new funding category on 1 April 2023 to provide subsidies up to \$7.5 million per contractor/subcontractor to support their adoption of SSSS in construction sites of the private sector. Please visit the direct link “<https://shorturl.at/chkwy>” for details.

9. To promote green environment and facilitate effective preparation and processing of structural submissions, you are encouraged to submit structural plans in specified electronic format via Electronic Submission Hub (ESH) as an alternative to the conventional paper submission. For details and type of plans being accepted in ESH, please refer to ESH website at <https://esh.bd.gov.hk> and PNAP ADM-17.