

21 December 2023

Aluhouse Company Limited  
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Kowloon Tong, Hong Kong  
(Attn: Mr. LAW Pok-kei)

Dear Mr. LAW,

**Letter of In-principle Acceptance  
(Acceptance Reference No.: MiC 21/2023)**

This letter is issued to **Aluhouse Company Limited** to confirm that the Modular Integrated Construction (MiC) system (**Model No. ALUMIC**) as submitted to the Buildings Department (BD) is acceptable in principle for use in private building projects in Hong Kong in respect of the performance aspects listed in Appendix I, subject to the following conditions:

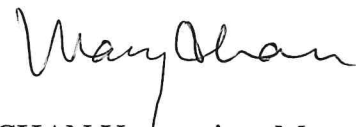
- (i) The design and construction of any building project adopting the above MiC system shall comply with the provisions of the Buildings Ordinance (BO) and its subsidiary legislations;
- (ii) The conditions as set out in Appendix II and Appendix III shall be complied with;
- (iii) The modular units of the above MiC system shall be fabricated in the factories listed in Appendix IV with a valid ISO 9001 or equivalent quality assurance certification; and
- (iv) This in-principle acceptance (IPA) is subject to a validity period expiring on 21 December 2028.

2. General information of the MiC System (Model No. ALUMIC) submitted by Aluhouse Company Limited is available on BD's website.

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3. Upon expiry of the IPA, application for its renewal should be prepared by an Authorized Person (AP) and Registered Structural Engineer (RSE). In case different AP and RSE are to be appointed, you are reminded to clarify any copyright issues.
4. This IPA shall not be construed as an exemption from obtaining prior approval and consent from the Building Authority under the BO before commencement of building works nor the granting of any exemption in gross floor area calculation.
5. This IPA does not give any warranties, explicit or implied, regarding their availability, efficacy, fitness for a particular purpose, title or non-infringement of copyright. The manufacturer/supplier/user must ensure that the above MiC system is safe for public use and complies with all relevant legislation and statutory requirements at all times.

Yours faithfully,



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**Applicable Performance Aspects  
for In-principle Acceptance Reference No. MiC 21/2023**

The in-principle acceptance covers the following performance aspects of MiC system (Model No. ALUMIC) of Aluhouse Company Limited under the Buildings Ordinance (BO) and its subsidiary legislations:

- (a) Provisions of means of escape required under Part B of the Code of Practice for Fire Safety in Buildings 2011 (FS Code) and regulation 41(1) of Building (Planning) Regulations (B(P)R);
  - (b) Provisions for fire resisting construction required under Parts C and E of the FS Code and section 35 of Building (Construction) Regulation (B(C)R);
  - (c) Construction of external wall and cladding pursuant to sections 27 and 28 of B(C)R;
  - (d) Height of storeys and provisions of natural lighting and ventilation required under regulations 24, 30 and 36 of B(P)R;
  - (e) Sanitary provisions and associated drainage works within the modular units pursuant to Building (Standards of Sanitary Fitments, Plumbing, Drainage Works and Latrines) Regulations;
  - (f) Structural performance for loads required under the Code of Practice on Wind Effects in Hong Kong 2004, the Code of Practice for Dead and Imposed Loads 2011 and Part 3 of B(C)R; and
  - (g) Provisions for structural performance required under the Code of Practice for Structural Use of Steel 2011, the Code of Practice for Structural Use of Concrete 2013 and the Code of Practice for Precast Concrete Construction 2016 and B(C)R.
2. For other performance aspects of the MiC system under the purview of the BO not listed above, compliance with the provisions of the BO and the subsidiary legislations shall be demonstrated when plans are submitted for approval under the BO.

**Acceptance Conditions (Building)  
for In-principle Acceptance Reference No. MiC 21/2023**

The in-principle acceptance (IPA) of MiC system (Model No. ALUMIC) of Aluhouse Company Limited is subject to the following conditions:

- (a) This IPA is confined to adopting the MiC system for domestic in a building not exceeding 20 storeys (maximum modular units of 19 storeys) as applied for;
- (b) The design and construction of MiC system should follow the plans accepted by the Buildings Department (Accepted Plans) and tally with the testing criteria of the submitted test reports. If alternative designs, materials or construction methods different from that shown in the Accepted Plans are used, compliance with the relevant provisions under the Buildings Ordinance (BO) and the subsidiary legislations should be demonstrated when plans are submitted for approval under the BO;
- (c) Authorized Person of the development project adopting the MiC system (AP) should ensure valid test and/or assessment reports complying the requirements under Part E of the Code of Practice for Fire Safety in Buildings 2011 would be available before the actual production in the prefabricated factory;
- (d) Applicant and AP should observe the requirements under Practice Note for Authorized Persons, Registered Structural Engineers and Registered Geotechnical Engineers APP-13 on submission of Schedule of Building Materials and Products and certifying the compliance with the relevant provisions of the BO upon completion of works;
- (e) Access points for inspection and future maintenance and repair of building services and construction elements should be provided in accordance with the Accepted Plans;
- (f) User manual with maintenance and building safety instructions for future fitting, decoration, alterations and additions of the modules as submitted with the application for IPA should be provided to the owners/occupants/users of the building adopting this MiC system; and

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- (g) The IPA is subject to the grant of exemption/modification under section 42 of the BO for the following which would be favorably considered when relevant plans are submitted for approval under the BO:

**BO/Building Regulations**

Regulation 45 of Building (Planning) Regulations

**Description**

To permit the non-provision of kitchens to dormitories/units in a hostel of residential institution development owned and managed or operated by a non-governmental organisation

**Acceptance Conditions (Structural)  
for In-principle Acceptance Reference No. MiC 21/2023**

The in-principle acceptance (IPA) of MiC system (Model No. ALUMIC) of Aluhouse Company Limited is subject to the following conditions:

- (a) The design and construction of MiC system should follow the plans accepted by the Buildings Department (Accepted Plans) and tally with the testing criteria of the submitted test reports. If alternative designs, materials, proprietary products or construction methods different from that shown in the Accepted Plans are used, compliance with the relevant provisions under the Buildings Ordinance (BO) and the subsidiary legislations should be demonstrated when future plans are submitted for approval under the BO;
- (b) The MiC system is accepted based on the assumptions listed below. Overall stability, structural analysis, adequacy of structural member and/or structural connections, lateral deflection etc. should be checked when there are any deviations with future structural plans submitted for approval under the BO.
  - (i) Maximum building height from Ground Floor to Main Roof of building of 64.85m;
  - (ii) Maximum modular units of 19 storeys;
  - (iii) Maximum design wind pressure of 2.684 kPa (unfactored);
  - (iv) Imposed loads, superimposed loads and assumed façade loads as shown on drawing no.: E0-01-2;
  - (v) Lateral stability is solely provided by the in-situ RC core walls as shown on drawing no.: E0-01-1;
  - (vi) Fabrication and installation tolerances of modular units as shown on drawing no.: E0-01-1; and
  - (vii) No modular units are stacked more than one-storey above the completed level of each zone as shown on drawing no.: E9-11-1.
- (c) Structural details of in-situ R.C. portions at the central core, structural elements at G/F and above R/F, external wall and cladding of modules are not included in this acceptance.

**Manufacturer and Prefabrication Factory**

Details of the accepted manufacturer and prefabrication factory for fabrication of the modular units under In-principle Acceptance reference no. MiC 21/2023 for MiC system (Model No. ALUMIC) of Aluhouse Company Limited are as follows:

Manufacturer: Aluhouse Company Limited

Prefabrication Factory and Address:

<u>Prefabrication Factory</u>	<u>Address of Fabrication Factory</u>	<u>Production</u>
Aluhouse (ZQ) Technology Company Limited	LNG Station, Asia Aluminum Industry City, Zhaoqing High-tech Industrial Development Zone, Guangdong Province, P.R. China	Precast Slab Fabrication
Aluhouse Technology (GD) Company Limited	West Factory Block, Aluminium Products Workshop, Asia Aluminium Industrial City, New & Hi-tech Industrial Development Zone, Dawang, Zhaoqing City, Guangdong Province, P.R. China	Steel Frame Fabrication, Units Internal & External Fabrication, Unit E&M Installation

Remarks:

- (a) *The above factories shall maintain a valid ISO 9001 or equivalent quality assurance certification at all times.*
- (b) *The following items in the Quality Assurance Scheme are for information only. Updated information should be submitted for future building projects with MiC.*
  - (i) *Frequency and extent of inspection by in-house staff and independent parties required in Appendix B of Practice Note for Authorized Persons, Registered Structural Engineers and Registered Geotechnical Engineers (PNAP) ADV-36; and*
  - (ii) *Frequency and extent of audit by in-house staff and independent parties required in Appendix B of PNAP ADV-36;*