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To: All Authorized Persons
Registered Structural Engineers
Registered Geotechnical Engineers

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Application for Approval of Building Plans
– Proof of Realistic Prospect of Control of the Land forming the Site**

The site of a proposed building for the purposes of the Buildings Ordinance (Cap. 123) can only include land which an applicant for approval of building plans owns or which the applicant has a realistic prospect of controlling. This circular letter aims to provide a few examples of the types of information from applicants for approval of building plans that the Building Authority may consider useful in showing any realistic prospect of control of the land forming the site by the applicants concerned.

In considering whether and, if so, to what degree an applicant has a realistic prospect of control of the land forming the site in respect of a particular application for approval of building plans, the Building Authority will consider, as always, all relevant information relating to the particular application provided by an applicant including but not limited to the following:

- (a) the percentage of ownership of the site acquired by the applicant,
- (b) actions taken by the applicant to acquire the outstanding ownership, and
- (c) actions taken by the applicant to seek consent from other owners for joint redevelopment of the site.

Yours faithfully,



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