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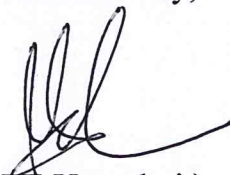
To All Authorized Persons
Registered Structural Engineers
Registered Geotechnical Engineers
Registered Inspectors
Registered General Building Contractors
Registered Specialist Contractors
Registered Minor Works Contractors

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Code of Practice for Structural Use of Concrete 2013
Construction Standard CS2:2012 –
Steel Reinforcing Bars for the Reinforcement of Concrete**

The Standing Committee on Concrete Technology (SCCT) announced in June 2014 a grace period for the carrying out of purchaser's test on bond properties of steel reinforcing bars such that those bars delivered to site on or before 31 December 2016 are not required for the test. The SCCT has recently extended the grace period for two more years. Therefore, purchaser's test on bond properties is not required for steel reinforcing bars delivered to site on or before 31 December 2018. Details of the above are available in the website of the Civil Engineering and Development Department at <http://www.cedd.gov.hk> under the "Standing Committee on Concrete Technology (SCCT) Publications" page of "Publications" section.

Yours faithfully,



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