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To : All Authorized Persons,
Registered Structural Engineers,
Registered Geotechnical Engineers,
Registered General Building Contractors,
Registered Specialist Contractors and
Registered Minor Works Contractors

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Construction Standard CS2:2012 –
Steel Reinforcing Bars for the Reinforcement of Concrete**

The Standing Committee on Concrete Technology (SCCT) has, in July 2014, issued supplements to Clauses 3.1.5(g) and 5.1.4 of the captioned Construction Standard CS2:2012 with regard to the testing requirements for surface geometry measurement and retest of chemical composition of steel reinforcing bars respectively. In addition, the SCCT has also announced a grace period for the carrying out of purchaser's test on bond property of steel reinforcing bars such that those bars delivered to site on or before 31 December 2016 are not required for the test. Details of the above are available in the website of the Civil Engineering and Development Department at <http://www.cedd.gov.hk> under the "Standards, Specifications, Handbooks and Cost Indices" page of "Publications" section.

In connection with the above, the supplements of the CS2:2012 and the grace period shall apply with retrospective effect to all the structural submissions making reference to the Code of Practice for Structural Use of Concrete 2013.

Yours sincerely,



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