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To: Property Management Companies

Dear Sir/Madam,

Regular Inspection and Maintenance of Large Metal Gates

A fatal work accident involving a large electric gate happened on 15 August 2022.

For the sake of public safety, I call on you, property managers, to take immediate action to inspect all large electric gates at the properties under your management, in particular devices with a manual mode, to ensure that they can be safely operated manually, so as to prevent recurrence of similar accidents. Your attention is drawn to the relevant information contained in:

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| <p>(a) “A Safety Guide on Gate Work” published by the Labour Department https://www.labour.gov.hk/eng/public/os/D/Gate.pdf</p> |  |
| <p>(b) “Code of Practice for Installation of Electrically Operated Sliding Gates, Sliding Glass Doors and Rolling Shutters” published by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department https://www.emsd.gov.hk/filemanager/en/content_659/COP%20for%20Sliding%20Gate_E_Final-072903.pdf</p> |  |
| <p>(c) “Guide to Safety of Electrically Operated Sliding Gates” published by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department https://www.emsd.gov.hk/filemanager/en/content_660/Guide%20to%20Safety%20of%20Electrically%20Op%20Sliding%20Gates%202018.pdf</p> |  |

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| <p>(d) “Green Cross Volume 30 No.1” published by the Occupational Safety & Health Council (Chinese version only) https://www.oshc.org.hk/oshc_data/files/greencross/2020/Greencross_2020_Vol30_No1_web-10.pdf</p> |  |
| <p>(e) “Practice Note for Authorized Persons, Registered Structural Engineers and Registered Geotechnical Engineers APP-146 - Large Metal Gates” published by the Buildings Department https://www.bd.gov.hk/doc/en/resources/codes-and-references/practice-notes-and-circular-letters/pnap/APP/APP146.pdf</p> |  |

Please also advise owners and incorporated owners of the properties under your management to arrange for regular inspection and maintenance to these large metal gates (including manually and electrically operated gates) in order to ensure their safety.

Yours faithfully,



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c.c. The Hong Kong Association of Property Management Companies