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

Integrated Site Supervision Plan System

The Technical Memorandum for Supervision Plans 2005 (TM), which was published in the Gazette on 3.6.2005, will come into operation on 31 December 2005. For the purpose of the TM, I have great pleasure to announce the issue of the Code of Practice for Site Supervision 2005 (CoP). The CoP may be used with effect from 31 December 2005.

Features of the New System

The TM and the CoP together provide for a new site supervision system integrating the requirements of the current site safety supervision system, the quality supervision of foundation works and ground investigation field works, and the qualified supervision for geotechnical works under the Buildings Ordinance. The supervision requirements of registered geotechnical engineers are also included in the new system.

The main features of the new integrated supervision system are that:-

- (a) One supervision plan only is required to cover both site safety and quality supervision;
- (b) The quality supervision duties of the Authorized Person (AP), Registered Structural Engineer (RSE), Registered Geotechnical Engineer (RGE) and Registered Contractor (RC) are specified in the revised TM and CoP;
- (c) The requirements on the title, grade and frequency level of site inspection of the Technically Competent Persons are unified; and
- (d) The procedures for preparation and submission of the supervision plan are streamlined.

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Application of the New System

The new supervision system will come into operation on 31 December 2005. For building works with consent to be issued on or after this date, the new supervision system should be followed. For on going building works with consent already issued before 31 December 2005, the AP, RSE, RGE and RC may also choose to adopt the new system and submit a revised supervision plan in accordance with the new TM and CoP.

Access to the TM and CoP

The revised TM and CoP are available for viewing in the Buildings Department website <<http://www.bd.gov.hk>> under the “Codes of Practice and Design Manuals” page of the “Publications” section. The documents may be downloaded subject to the terms and conditions stipulated in the website.

Yours sincerely,



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