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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,

### **Use of Off-site Prefabricated Steel Reinforcing Bar Products**

The Development Bureau (DEVB) issued the Technical Circular (Works) No. 1/2016 – Quality Assurance for Use of Off-site Prefabricated Steel Reinforcing Bar Products in Public Works Contracts (“TC”) on 4 January 2016. The TC promulgates the requirements for quality assurance for approved off-site steel reinforcing bar (“rebar”) prefabrication yards to supply prefabricated rebar products for use in public works contracts. All approved prefabrication yards are required to operate under a quality management system which includes a traceability system for handling rebar and prefabricated products. The TC is available in the website of the DEVB at <http://www.devb.gov.hk> under the “Technical Circular” page of “Publication and Press Releases” section.

The Civil Engineering and Development Department has established and maintained a “List of Approved Steel Reinforcing Bar Prefabrication Yards for Public Works” (“List”). The List with the approved scope for the off-site rebar prefabrication yards is available in the website of CEDD at <http://www.cedd.gov.hk> under the “Off-site Prefabricated Steel Reinforcing Bar Products” of “Public Services” section.

With immediate effect, prefabricated rebar products in the approved scope (e.g. cut and bent rebars, reinforcement cages, threaded / coupled rebars, etc.) produced from an approved off-site rebar prefabrication yard may be used in structural works as conforming to the Code of Practice for Structural Use of Concrete 2013. In this connection, you and your technically competent persons should make appropriate arrangements with the approved prefabrication yards for carrying out off-site qualified supervision to the rebar prefabrication works in accordance with the provisions of the

Buildings Ordinance and its subsidiary regulations. The rebar prefabrication works shall include sampling and testing of rebars, cutting and bending of rebars, and threading and coupling of rebars.

Yours faithfully,

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( LEE Yun-choi )

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