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To all Supervising Directors

Dear Sir/Madam,

PRACTISING CERTIFICATE FOR ALL REGISTERED ARCHITECTS IN YOUR EMPLOYMENT

- 1. Please be reminded that Section 10, 12 and 18 of the Architects Act specified that the statutory regime requires registered architects who carry out the architectural work specified in section 10(1) and 10(2) to have practising certificates whether they are directors, employees, sole proprietors or partners.
- 2. Please note that section 10(1) specifies that the drawing or preparation of any architectural plan, drawing, tracing, design, specification or other document intended to govern the construction, enlargement or alteration of any building or part thereof in Singapore can only be done by a registered architect who has in force a practising certificate or by any other person under the supervision or direction of a registered architect who has in force a practising certificate; and

Section 10(2) only permits a registered architect who has in force a practising certificate to sign and submit architectural plan, drawing, tracing, design, specification, any reports, certificates or other document intended to govern the construction, enlargement or alteration of any building to a building authority or to a public authority.

- 3. We would like to highlight that section 10(6) states that any person who contravenes subsection (1), (2), (3) or (5) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 and, in the case of a second or subsequent conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both.
 - Section 12 (2) states that any person who contravenes subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$2,000 and, for a second or subsequent conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$5,000.
- 4. We would therefore appreciate it if all firms, licensed corporations, licensed partnerships, limited liability partnerships abide by the above provisions in the Act.

Yours faithfully,

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