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To: All Practising Professional Engineers

COMPLAINTS AGAINST PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

The Board has received a number of complaints against professional engineers (PEs) arising from their failure to comply with written law, especially the Building Control Act and Regulations. The Board would therefore like to remind all PEs, especially those who have been appointed as Qualified Persons to make submissions to the authorities, to be fully aware of and to comply with the requirements of all the regulatory authorities which they are dealing with and to exercise due diligence when carrying out their work. Failure to comply with requirements raises such unpleasant questions as whether the PE had failed his client and the authorities by negligence, indifference, ignorance, incompetence or wilfulness and whether such acts should be expected of a PE.

2 A PE has an important duty and responsibility to act with prime regard to the public interest. In particular, a PE is expected to give professional advice (including certification) which fully reflects his best professional judgement and should not sign any plan or certificate which has not been prepared, checked or verified by him or by his staff working under his effective supervision. The Board does not condone unprofessional, unethical or unlawful conduct and takes a very serious view of such breaches in professional conduct and ethics. Where appropriate, the Board will take firm action against those who commit such improper acts. A summary of the actions taken by the Board over the last 5 years can be found at the Board's web site at <http://www.peb.gov.sg/complaints.html>.

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