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To: All Professional Engineers

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD) FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

I wish to inform you that the Board will be introducing a continuing professional development (CPD) program for professional engineers. This CPD program is to reinforce the need for lifelong learning. It is also in line with the emerging global trend towards promoting and ensuring continuous learning by engineers and other professionals so as to maintain their competency.

2 The Board's CPD program has been developed with close consultation with the Institution of Engineers Singapore (IES) and the Association of Consulting Engineers Singapore (ACES). A Committee of the Board, comprising members from the Board, IES, ACES and the industry has worked out the details of the program. I am pleased to attach a booklet entitled "Guidelines on Continuing Professional Development for Professional Engineers" which provides details of the CPD program, and a list of FAQs.

3 The Board plans to make participation in CPD activities a mandatory requirement for the renewal of practising certificate (PC) for the year 2004 onwards. In order to renew a PC for the year 2004, a PE will be required to chalk up at least 40 Professional Development Units (PDUs) between the period 1 Nov 2002 and 31 Oct 2003, and at least 15 PDUs out of the 40 PDUs are to be from structured activities.

4 For the coming year, the Board would be implementing a trial CPD program. In this trial program, PEs are urged to participate in CPD activities and chalk up 40 PDUs or more (of which at least 15 PDUs are to be from structured activities) between 1 Dec 2001 and 31 Oct 2002 and to log them on the forms provided by the Board. At the end of the trial period, you could submit your CPD records to the Board together with your application for renewal of your PC for the year 2003. Please note that this is not a mandatory requirement, but a trial exercise to allow PEs to familiarise themselves with the requirements of the CPD program before it comes into operation subsequently for renewal of PC for year 2004.

5 Thank you.

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