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To: All Professional Engineers

## **CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD) FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS**

The Board had earlier planned to implement a CPD programme which will be made mandatory for the renewal of practising certificate for the year 2004 and thereafter. The PE Act had already been amended to allow for rules to be made for implementation of the CPD programme.

2 However, arising from feedback from members of the profession, the Board had decided to defer the commencement by one year, and the CPD requirement will instead be made mandatory for the renewal of practising certificate for year 2005 and thereafter. Hence, for the current application for practising certificate for year 2004, the Board will issue a practising certificate for year 2004 without the need to meet the required number of Professional Development Units (PDUs).

3 The Board recognised that some PEs might have made effort to chalk up the necessary PDUs over the past one year. The Board has therefore decided that for this initial period, all PDUs that were chalked up during the past one year period **between 1 Nov 2002 and 31 Oct 2003** as well as PDUs that will be chalked up over the next one year period **between 1 Nov 2003 and 31 Oct 2004** can be used to determine the number of PDUs required for renewal of practising certificate for year 2005. If you have already submitted your application for practising certificate for year 2004 through the online system, the PDUs which had been deducted by the system will be restored subsequently. If the number of PDUs obtained during the period between 1 Nov 2002 and 31 Oct 2004 is more than the required 40 PDUs for renewal of practising certificate for year 2005, the Board will allow up to a maximum of 40 excess PDUs to be carried forward to the next year to be used for renewal of practising certificate for year 2006.

4 I would like to apologise for any inconveniences that may arise from the deferment of the implementation date. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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