

Construction Industry Council

Committee on Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme

Meeting No. 003/19 of the Committee on Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme (Com-RSC) for 2019 was held on 2 May 2019 (Thursday) at 2:30pm at Conference Room, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five, 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay.

Summary Notes of the Com-RSC Meeting No. 003/19:

Agenda Item	Paper	Major Resolutions/Progress Highlights
3.1	CIC/RSC/P/018/19 to CIC/RSC/P/024/19 (for information)	Regulatory Hearing The Com-RSC conducted the 3 rd regulatory hearing of 2019. A total of seven cases arising from late payment of MPF contributions and safety offences with fatality were handled. Written warning or suspension of registration were imposed on the concerned Registered Specialist Trade Contractors (RSTCs) and Registered Subcontractors (RSs).
3.2	CIC/RSC/M/002/19	Confirmation of the Minutes of Last Meeting Members confirmed the Minutes of the previous Meeting No. 002/19 held on 27 March 2019.
3.3	-	Matters Arising All matters arising were covered under the agenda items below.
3.4	CIC/RSC/P/025/19 (for information)	Updates on Register of Specialist Trade Contractors (a) The Development Bureau issued a memorandum to relevant departments to mandate the employment of RSTCs in public works contracts with effect from 1 April 2019 and amended relevant contract clauses which allowed an 18-month grace period on employing Group 2 RSTCs. (b) Relevant information on the CIC website has been updated. The new scheme website would be launched in the 3 rd quarter of 2019. (c) The Secretariat continued to organise a series of promotion initiatives: -

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) 10 April 2019: A special column in Ming Pao(ii) 15 April 2019: An article with video highlights on the launching ceremony of the scheme in CIC Chairman's Blog(iii) 17 April 2019: A special column in Sky Post(iv) Organised weekly workshops for applicants on explaining registration requirements and required information(d) The online electronic registration system for RSTCs is under development in two phases and expected to complete in the 4th quarter of 2019.
3.5	CIC/RSC/P/026/19 (for approval)	Waiver arrangement for registration fee In view of double payment of registration fees for companies registered simultaneously for both RSTCs and RSs and to facilitate transition of registered companies, Members deliberated and approved the following waiver arrangement for registration fees for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Upgrade to Group 2 RSTC by grandfathered companies (Counted by each Designated Trade); and(b) Renewal of RSTC registration for companies registered as both RSTC and RS.
3.6	CIC/RSC/P/027/19 (for information)	Updates on Register of Subcontractors Members took note of the latest statistics of registration and regulatory actions.

Remarks: The mentioned papers and/or progress reports discussed at the meeting of Committee on Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme can be made available to Council Members from the CIC Secretariat upon request.