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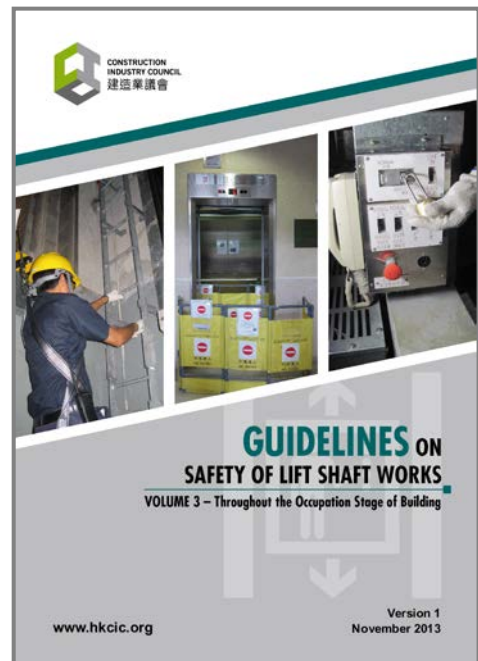
### **CIC Releases “Guidelines on Safety of Lift Shaft Works” (Volume 3 – Throughout the Occupation Stage of Building)**

**Hong Kong • 5 November 2013** – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) today released a new publication entitled “*Guidelines on Safety of Lift Shaft Works (Volume 3 – Throughout the Occupation Stage of Building)*” (Volume 3 of the Guidelines). The Guidelines focus on the precautionary measures recommended for enhancing the safety of lift works throughout the occupation period.

#### **Introduction**

The CIC published “*Guidelines on Safety of Lift Shaft Works: Volume 1 – During Construction Stage and Before Handing Over to Lift Installation Contractor*” and “*Guidelines on Safety of Lift Shaft Works: Volume 2 – During Lift Installation Stage until Issue of Occupation Permit and Handing Over to Developer*” in July 2010 and in January 2012 respectively. Both Volume 1 and 2 of the Guidelines are widely used in the industry.

Upon completion of lift installation and the grant of Occupation Permit (OP), the completed facilities will be handed over to the responsible person or the management company. Lift repair and maintenance works become necessary throughout the occupation period of building. In this regard, the Task Force on Site Safety of Working in Lift Shaft (Task Force) under the Committee on Construction Site Safety (Com-CSS) of the CIC developed and published the Volume 3 of the Guidelines to identify measures for enhancing work safety of site personnel during this stage.



Guidelines on Safety of Lift Shaft Works  
(Volume 3 – Throughout the Occupation  
Stage of Building)  
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Key issues highlighted in the Volume 3 include: the minimum number of workers to be involved in rope replacement works; requirements for wearing safety harnesses and reflective vests when working in lift shafts in different conditions; and the requirements on maintenance and repair works in relation to working in common lift shafts and the carrying out of hot works in the lift shaft.

### **Publication of Guidelines**

“These guidelines aim to promote safe practices for lift works, with reference to the principles of risk assessment and elimination, hazard reduction, accident prevention and protection of occupants, workers and other personnel in order to implement a safe system of work during those stages, as the safety of construction personnel is of paramount importance to our industry,” said Mr. CHEUNG Hau-wai, Chairman of the Com-CSS.

Ms. Ada FUNG, Chairperson of the Task Force said, “For lift shaft works throughout the Occupation Stage of Building, apart from the appropriate precautionary measures implemented by the Lift Contractor to ensure the safety of occupants, workers and other personnel, it also takes the Lift Contractors, Lift Workers, Responsible Person and Management company to closely liaise and work together. The Guidelines also include where special attention to safety for the Responsible Person.”

Volume 3 of the Guidelines is available at the CIC website [www.hkcic.org](http://www.hkcic.org).

### **About the Construction Industry Council**

The Construction Industry Council (CIC) was formed on 1 February 2007 under the Construction Industry Council Ordinance (Cap. 587). The CIC consists of a chairman and 24 members representing various sectors of the industry including employers, professionals, academics, contractors, workers, independent persons and Government officials.

The main functions of the CIC are to forge consensus on long-term strategic issues, convey the industry’s needs and aspirations to Government, provide training and registration for the construction workforce and serve as a communication channel for Government to solicit advice on all construction-related matters.



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