

**Construction Industry Council**

**Committee on Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme (RSTCS)**

Meeting No. 004/23 of the Committee on Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme (Com-RSC) for 2023 was held on 13 September 2023 (Wednesday) at 3:00pm at Boardroom, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five, 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay and via video conferencing.

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Summary Notes of the Com-RSC Meeting No. 004/23:

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Paper</b>	<b>Major Resolutions/Progress Highlights</b>
4.1	CIC/RSC/M/003/23 (for approval)	<b>Confirmation of the Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> Members confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting held on 31 May 2023.
4.2	---	<b>Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting</b> Nil.
4.3	CIC/RSC/P/058/23 (for approval)	<b>Designated Trade Good Practice Manual – Concreting Formwork</b> Members approved the Concreting Formwork Designated Trade Good Practice Manual as a reference material and thanked the Registered Specialised Trade Contractors Federation, Hong Kong Formwork Contractors Association and the Hong Kong Institute of Construction for their technical advice and assistance in the compilation work. The Secretariat will follow up on the publishing works.

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4.4	CIC/RSC/P/059/23 (for approval)	<p><b>Temporary Task Force to Handle Special Cases</b></p> <p>Members approved the Temporary Task Force to review four special cases referred from the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) and to suggest appropriate action to be taken by the Com-RSC.</p>
4.5	CIC/RSC/P/060/23 (for approval)	<p><b>Enhancements to the Registration Requirements of Registered Subcontractors</b></p> <p>Members approved the enhancements to the registration requirements of Registered Subcontractors by adding the safety requirement and management requirement in phases in order to continuously upgrade the Registered Subcontractors. The enhanced registration requirements will be implemented in phases starting from January 2024. The Secretariat will arrange system updates and promotion to stakeholders beforehand.</p>
4.6	CIC/RSC/P/061/23 (for information)	<p><b>RSTCS Operation Report</b></p> <p>(a) As of the end of August 2023, the total number of registered companies was 7,420 (April 2023: 7,564) in which 1,289 (April 2023: 1,422) were Registered Specialist Trade Contractors (RSTCs) and 6,131 (April 2023: 6,142) were Registered Subcontractors (RSs).</p> <p>(b) The Secretariat had sent final reminder to the Group 1 RSTCs for Suspended Ceiling and Tower Crane (Erecting, Dismantling and Altering Height) designated trades through electronic direct mail and letter reminding that the transition period of both designated trades will end on 30 September 2023, and urging them to submit the required information or otherwise their registrations will be cancelled on 1 October 2023.</p>

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		<p>(c) The Secretariat had sent reminder to the Group 1 RSTCs for Building Drainage Installation designated trade through electronic direct mail and letter reminding that the transition period will end on 29 February 2023, and urging them to submit the required information.</p> <p>(d) “Building Maintenance” and “Interior Fitting-out” designated trades will be launched as the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> designated trades under RSTCS on 1 October 2023. The Secretariat had organised a webinar on 13 July 2023 to introduce the registration requirements, transitional arrangement of Group 1 companies, pre-vetting service for grouping upgrade, etc to the industry.</p> <p>(e) The Secretariat introduced the RSTCS to the Hong Kong Metal Engineering Contracting Association on 5 September 2023 and exchanged views with the representatives to upgrade Metal Work and Structural Steelwork to RSTC.</p> <p>(f) The Secretariat had co-organised integrity management related webinars with the ICAC on 2 June and 25 August 2023 with 1,801 and 1,153 participants respectively.</p> <p>(g) With the aim of strengthening the delivery of safety message “Life First, Say NO To Danger” to the frontline staff in construction sites, the Secretariat had organised “Site Safety Measures on Working in Hot Weather (Replay)” webinar on 24 July 2023 noon. This series of safety seminars replay was popular with a cumulative total of 2,555 participants.</p> <p>(h) The Secretariat had co-organised a technical webinar for the newly added designated trade “Levelling and Setting Out” with Hong Kong Leveling Contractors Association on 3 August 2023, a total of 617 persons participated.</p>

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		(i) The Secretariat had organised six Building Information Modelling Viewer courses this year with a total of 103 people had been trained.
4.7	---	<b>Any Other Business</b> Nil.
4.8	CIC/RSC/P/062/23 - CIC/RSC/P/069/23 (for information)	<b>Regulatory Hearing</b> The Com-RSC sanctioned a total of 7 companies with written warning due to late payment of wages.

*Remarks: The mentioned papers and/or progress reports discussed at the Com-RSC can be made available to Council Members from the CIC Secretariat upon request.*