

Construction Industry Council

Committee on Construction Business Development

Meeting No. 004/23 of the Committee on Construction Business Development (Com-CBD) was held on 1 December 2023 (Friday) at 2:30pm at the Board Room, 29/F, Tower 2, Enterprise Square Five (MegaBox), 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong

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

Agenda Item	Paper	Major Resolutions / Progress Highlights
4.1	CIC/CBDML/M/003/23	Confirmation of the Minutes of Meeting No. 003/23 Members took note of the Paper CIC/CBDML/M/003/23 and confirmed the Minutes of Meeting No. 003/23 held on Thursday, 14 September 2023.
4.2	CIC/CBDML/M/003/23	Matters Arising from the Last Meeting (a) Item 3.2: Update on Work Plan of Follow-up Actions for Recommendations of the Report of Study on Strategic Review for Uplifting Construction Capacity was reported under item 4.8. (b) Item 3.3: Update on Study Tour to London 2023. Members were briefed on the current status of the government's adoption of the New Engineering Contract (NEC) in the term contract. The readiness of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to adopt NEC in the government's term contract may not be sufficient, they were encouraged to attend NEC4 Engineering and Construction Contract Project Manager Accreditation Courses, and webinars would be conducted by CIC to introduce the updates on NEC HK Edition to industry practitioners.

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4.3	CIC/CBD/P/013/23 (for information)	Structural Changes on Construction Business Development Members were briefed on Paper CIC/CBD/P/013/23 regarding the structural changes on the Committee on Construction Business Development. It was recommended that Com-CBD & ML be split into two separate committees to enable a more focused development and implementation on the major tasks and objectives of the Mainland Liaison Services. These recommendations were discussed and endorsed at the Executive Committee (Com-EXE) meeting held on 15 September 2023 (Meeting No. 005/23) and finally approved at the Council meeting held on 20 October 2023 (Meeting No. 005/23). Members acknowledged the structural changes on the Committee on Construction Business Development.
4.4	CIC/CBD/P/014/23 (for information)	Business Plan 2024 of Committee on Construction Business Development Members were briefed on Paper CIC/CBD/P/014/23 regarding the business plan 2024 of Committee on Construction Business Development. The business plan and the associated budget were endorsed by the Com-CBD & ML on 1 June 2023 and by the Com-EXE on 15 September 2023. Subsequently, it was further approved by the Council on 20 October 2023. Members acknowledged the business plan 2024 of Committee on Construction Business Development.
4.5	--	CIC Outstanding Contractor Award 2024 Members were given an update on various aspects of the Outstanding Contractor Award 2024. This included information on the date, venue, composition of the organising committee, details of the 1 st organising committee meeting, proposed judging panel and the approved budget. Members acknowledged the updates on the CIC Outstanding Contractor Award 2024.
4.6	--	Progress Update on Task Force on Greater Bay Area

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		<p>(a) Members were briefed on the work progress of the Task Force. The GBA team had conducted 28 visits and events throughout the year, including visits to companies such as BYD Company and the DaFang AI factory.</p> <p>(b) It was noted that a systematic database would be established to facilitate contact of companies/construction companies between Hong Kong and the GBA. This database would be shared with industry practitioners in Hong Kong.</p> <p>Members acknowledged the updates on Task Force on Greater Bay Area.</p>
4.7	--	<p>Progress Update on Task Force on Review and Enhancement of Construction Contract Terms</p> <p>Members were briefed on the work progress of the Task Force. The tender of the consultancy study commenced on 17 October 2023 and the Inception Report and Detailed Work Programme were submitted on 31 October 2023. Subsequently, the Inception Report was circulated for approval on 8 November 2023. The next Task Force meeting would be held in mid-December 2023 to invite the members to provide comments and approve the submitted Review Report which was expected to be submitted on 4 December 2023. Members acknowledged the updates on Task Force on Review and Enhancement of Construction Contract Terms.</p>
4.8	--	<p>Progress Update on the Follow-up Actions for Recommendations of the Report of Study on Strategic Review for Uplifting Construction Capacity</p> <p>Members were briefed on the progress update on the follow-up actions for recommendations of the report of study on strategic review for uplifting construction capacity. All the 16 initiatives aimed at uplifting construction capacity are ongoing. Members commented that the information in the summary table was very condensed and they recommended supplementing the details to the meeting minutes as a post-meeting note for reference.</p>

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4.9	--	<p>Progress Update on 2023 Major KPIs</p> <p>Members were briefed on the progress of 2023 Major KPIs. The progress of the major KPIs was in general on track.</p>
4.10	--	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>(a) Update on Security of Payment Legislation (SOPL)</p> <p>Members were briefed on the latest development of SOPL. A briefing session organised by the CIC was given by DevB to introduce the updated details of SOPL to public bodies on 6 December 2023.</p> <p>(b) Update on the Resumption of Brownfield Sites in Hong Kong</p> <p>Members were briefed on the update regarding the resumption of brownfield sites. Following the request for the detailed information on the brownfield land resumption, the DevB responded that the specific timetable and resumption boundary would be disclosed when the relevant project scheme is published.</p> <p>(c) Review on the issue of the quality of cable trunking coating materials</p> <p>Members were briefed on the issue of the quality of cable trunking coating materials. An ad-hoc meeting had been held recently among the DevB, HKFEMC and CIC to discuss the remedial measures and potential enhancements for the inspection and acceptance procedures.</p> <p>(d) Proposal for the merger of the Committee on Construction Business Development and the Committee on Productivity</p> <p>Members were briefed on the proposal for the merger of the Committee on Construction Business Development and the Committee on Productivity. It was expected to create synergies</p>

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		<p>by merging Com-CBD with Com-PRO, it would enable a more comprehensive and coordinated approach to continuously improving productivity, fostering business development and driving positive change in the construction industry. This proposal had been endorsed in the Com-EXE meeting held on 17 November 2023 and subject to the final approval in the Council meeting to be held on 15 December 2023.</p> <p>(e) Heartfelt Thank You</p> <p>Gratitude and a heartfelt thank you was given by the Executive Director to Mr. Rocky ROON, the outgoing Chairperson of the Com-CBD, for his invaluable services and significant contributions to the Committee. Furthermore, we also expressed appreciation to Committee Members, Mr. CHAN Kim-kwong and Mr. Simon WONG, for their dedicated services and valuable contributions to the Committee.</p> <p>(f) Safety</p> <p>The CIC Chairman proposed that all Committees in CIC should prioritise safety as their top concern and suggested designating year 2024 as the “Year of Safety”. It was also suggested that the Committee on Construction Business Development should focus on its terms of reference, particularly in developing a favourable industry business environment related to procurement procedures and the implementation of contract terms. Therefore, it was recommended that a workshop be organised to gather ideas and insights from the Committee Members.</p>

Remarks: The mentioned papers discussed at the Committee on Construction Business Development and the full minutes can be made available to Council Members from the CIC Secretariat upon request.