

To All Contractors

**HDB ADVISORY ON SUSPENSION OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

In view of the evolving COVID-19 situation, the Ministry of Health (MOH) has announced tighter measures to minimise the further spread of COVID-19 on 3 Apr 2020. The Order requires all work, including all building works as defined in the Building Control Act (Cap. 29), to cease with effect from 7 Apr 2020 until 4 May 2020 (both dates inclusive). Only companies providing essential services and their related supply chains are exempted from this suspension.

2 In line with this, all worksites are required to cease construction activities. Contractors must complete all immediate works to a safe condition within the next 3 days (by 2359hr on 6 Apr 2020) to ensure site and public safety before closing the worksites.

3 During the work suspension period, contractors are required to carry out the following:

- To ensure site is secured at all times
- To carry out regular housekeeping and vector control on site to prevent mosquito breeding

4 We understand that some workers are housed at the on-site Workers' Quarters. For such cases, contractors are required to carry out the following:

- Appoint a representative to manage the team of workers staying on site and to continue to practice safe distancing
- Take care of workers' meals and welfare *e.g. ensure wifi signal is strong enough for all workers to use on site*
- Workers should remain within the worksite during this period and avoid loitering outside the site. Should the workers need to leave the site (*e.g. to see a doctor*), contractors are to keep track of workers' movement for ease of contact tracing

5 During this period, please inform your workers to adhere to the following:

- For important errands which they need to attend to, they should make use of facilities within or near the site as far as possible
- They should return to the workers' quarter as soon as they have completed their errands
- They should continue to practise good personal hygiene and minimise physical contact by not shaking hands or sharing food, and maintaining a safe distance from one another.
- They should avoid gathering in public spaces, or visiting crowded places such as Little India.

6 Please contact your respective HDB Project Directors should you have any clarifications.

Thank you.

Building Quality Group