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To All Approved Persons,

## **SAFE USE OF LIFTING EQUIPMENT**

This circular serves to remind all Approved Persons of the importance in ensuring public safety when approving lifting equipments for use in public areas.

2. Our recent inspection on a worksite revealed that a Mast Climbing Work Platform (MCWP) had been installed for use at the external façade of a building. This MCWP was installed directly above a coffee-shop where its customers were allowed to be seated directly underneath the MCWP, without any overhead protection.

3. Under regulation 5(4) of the Factories (Building Operations and Works of Engineering Construction) Regulations, where no one is required to work or to pass except persons who are at work in the vicinity, any area exposed to risk of falling materials or objects shall be roped off or otherwise guarded from inadvertent entry.

4. As an Approved Person under the Factories Act, you have to ensure that the area directly underneath the MCWP was barricaded or installed with other suitable means to prevent the access of people into the area where persons may be injured or harmed by the MCWP (in the event of collapse or other failure) or falling objects from the MCWP, before approving the MCWP for use.

5. The Department would like to remind all Approved Persons to carry out their duties diligently in not only ensuring equipment safety, but also personnel safety. The Department will not hesitate to take appropriate punitive action against any Approved Person who fails to check for compliance of the regulatory requirements during inspection and examination of lifting equipment.

Yours faithfully,

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