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Dear Mr CHAN

**Legislative Proposal to Upgrade Fire Safety of Old Industrial Buildings**

Thank you for your letter dated 9 August 2018 inviting the Institution to provide views on the captioned subject.

The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE) supports in principle the legislative proposal to upgrade the fire safety standards of pre-1987 industrial buildings for the benefit and safety of the owners and occupiers as well as the general public.

The HKIE suggests the Administration to post the details of the fire safety directions mandating the upgraded requirements issued by the Fire Services Department (FSD) and the Buildings Department (BD) on the respective websites. This allows the prospective owners to be aware of the directions and the compliance status well before the registration of the necessary fire safety compliance orders or the prohibition orders at the Land Registry.

It is noted that the proposed legislation makes provisions for prosecution of the owners and/or occupiers who fail to comply with the fire safety directions, the necessary fire safety compliance orders or the prohibition orders. The Administration is suggested to consider also making provisions for the FSD and BD to carry out the default works in the target industrial buildings with substantial fire risk, and to recover the costs and surcharge from the owners and/or occupiers.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely



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