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Dear Ir NG

《2017年水務設施(修訂)條例草案》- 進行水管工程的作業指引

This refers to the email dated 14 November 2017 inviting the Institution to put forth our views on the captioned subject.

It is observed that the concerned draft guideline issued for the Waterworks (Amendment) Bill 2017 enhances the relationship between different persons involved in plumbing installation work, from employers down to the ones who physically carry out the plumbing work. The Institution agrees that it can facilitate a better understanding of the person who can carry out the plumbing installation work under the supervision of a Licensed Plumber.

In accordance with Waterworks Ordinance (Cap 102), it is noted that only “fire services” and “inside service” supply system are required to follow the relevant requirements under the Ordinance. According to paragraph 7.1 of Hong Kong Waterworks Standard Requirements For Plumbing Installation in Buildings, for industrial building, the entire internal services shall be supplied from storage tanks with separate outlets/ downpipes feeding independent systems to serve separately the industrial and processing purposes and the other general and ablution appliances. Therefore, it comes to the understanding that water pipe works for industrial and processing purposes, such as power plant, town gas plant, sewage treatment plant, etc. would be classified as neither “fire services” nor “inside service” supply system.

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Noting that the concerned draft guideline will be applicable to “all pipe works (所有水管工程)” as stated in paragraph 2.1, we suggest specifying “water supply system under the control of Waterworks Ordinance (Cap 102)” instead of “all pipe works” and putting a remark indicating that water pipe works for industrial and processing purposes are excluded.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely



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