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[Attn: Ir Bobby NG Mang Tung, Chairman of Consultative Group of Legislative Review]

Dear Ir NG

Consultation on 水喉工程的良好作業指引的擬議框架 - 僱用或容許訂明人士工作及「指示與督導」的相關要求事宜

Thank you for your email of 23 February 2017 to the Institution on the captioned subject.

The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE) would like to reiterate our views in our earlier letter dated 16 November 2016 proposing that the qualified engineering professionals (e.g. Registered Professional Engineers) from relevant engineering disciplines should be included in the authorisation list for waterworks applications from design stage to completion stage of the plumbing and fire services waterworks under the Waterworks Ordinance and Waterworks Regulations (Cap 102 and Cap 102A) to prepare the draft guideline.

The HKIE is of the view that inclusion of relevant qualified engineering professionals for quality control of waterworks throughout the design, construction and completion stages can address and relieve the public concern on the impact of sub-standard plumbing pipework on waterworks.

While the “Designated Person” would need to be included in the provisions of the Waterworks Ordinance and Regulations amendments, in particular, it is also suggested adding the registered gas installers in the “Designated Person” without the need of supervision from a licensed plumber, as registered gas installers are competent for gas water heater installation, service and maintenance including connecting to hot and cold water pipes, and they have long been installing gas water heaters in daily works as well as in construction sites.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely



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