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Subcommittee on Building (Minor Works) (Amendment) Regulation 2020 and  
Building (Planning) (Amendment) Regulation 2020  
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[Attn: Ms Doris LO, Clerk to Subcommittee on Building (Minor Works) (Amendment)  
Regulation 2020 and Building (Planning) (Amendment) Regulation 2020]

Dear Ms LO

**Subcommittee on Building (Minor Works) (Amendment) Regulation 2020 and  
Building (Planning) (Amendment) Regulation 2020 - Views on the two  
Regulations**

Regarding the captioned subject, the Institution is pleased to provide herewith our  
views and suggestions for your consideration.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely



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**Enclosure**

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**Views from the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers on the two Regulations**

The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE) supports in general the amendments of Building (Minor Works) Regulation and Building (Planning) Regulation.

2. The HKIE would like to provide the following suggestions and views with respect to the amendment for the Administration's consideration:

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3. Referring to the Designated Exempted Works Items in Schedule 2, the HKIE suggests the related authorities to consider including the repair and maintenance of slope works under the Minor Works Control System (MWCS). By including the maintenance of slope works on the "List of Designated Exempted Works", preventive checking and repair works before the onset of the rainy season, e.g., repair of cracked shotcrete protection on slope surfaces and damaged U-channels etc., can be carried out without the need to obtain prior approval of plans and consent to the commencement of such works from the Building Authority and thus allowing timely and essential repair works on damaged structures.

4. Regarding the Designated Exempted Works Items in Schedule 2, item 25 (a), we suggest defining the depth of the channel by considering the appropriate fall of 300 mm U-channel.

5. Regarding the Designated Exempted Works Items in Schedule 2, item 25 (b), we propose that any essential repair of channels for natural, formed or man-made slopes or any retaining walls should be included on the "List of Designated Exempted Works" and under the MWCS.