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To : Distribution

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Sand Ordinance (Cap. 147)
Requirement of Sand Removal Permit for
Removal, Importation and Transportation of Sand in Hong Kong

Natural sand is a valuable and important natural resource in Hong Kong and many other regions. Nowadays, sand used in the construction and other industries of Hong Kong substantially relies on imports from other regions.

To ensure proper removal, importation and transportation of sand in Hong Kong, I would like to remind you or your members concerned that under the Sand Ordinance, a Sand Removal Permit (SRP) is required from the Director of Civil Engineering and Development for these activities. The Ordinance does not apply to sand produced by any quarrying operation or by the washing of other material so as to produce sand. Details of the Ordinance and the guidelines of the SRP application can be found at these websites: https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/hk/cap147!en?INDEX_CS=N and <https://www.cedd.gov.hk/eng/public-services-forms/fill-management/marine/permit/index.html> respectively.

Please help impress upon your employees, trading partners or members concerned, as appropriate, the compliance with the relevant provisions of the Ordinance.

Apart from the above requirements, you or your members concerned may be aware that for importing natural sand from the Mainland to Hong Kong, a Hong Kong Natural Sand Final User Certificate (FUC) issued by this Division is normally required as one of the prerequisites to the application for export licence(s) from the relevant Mainland authority(ies) in accordance with the Mainland and Hong Kong Trade Co-operation Mechanism for Natural Sand 2012. The Co-operation Mechanism ensures a sufficient and stable supply of natural sand from the Mainland to Hong Kong to cater for the needs of the local construction industry.

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According to the management measures of the Co-operation Mechanism, the following types of FUCs are issued by this Division:

- river sand (for construction projects and cement or concrete production);
- river sand (for retail purpose); and
- marine sand (for major projects).

The annual import quota for commercial retail natural sand shall not exceed a certain proportion of the total quota from the Mainland. In the event of any non-conforming activities by an importer/exporter, the issuing authorities shall not issue any further FUC or export licence to such importer/exporter.

I would like to remind you or your members concerned, as a sand importer and/or user, of familiarizing and ensuring compliance with all terms and conditions, including the specified purposes of natural sand, of the FUC(s) issued.

For enquiries, please contact this Division at 2762 5593 (telephone) or 2714 9481 (facsimile).

Yours faithfully,



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