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To: All Registered Lift
Contractors

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Dear Sirs,

Circular No. 3/89
Accident with Broken Hoist Ropes of a Car Lift

As you may be aware, there was a recent accident involving the sudden free-falling of a Car Lift in an industrial building. This was due to the breakage of hoist ropes as a result of the displacement of the machine. The main cause of the displacement was the shearing of the fixing bolts and nuts which fastened the machine onto its foundation beams. Fortunately, the safety gear was successfully actuated in this incident.

This is considered to be a serious accident although no injury to the lift passenger was reported. You are requested to pay particular attention to the proper anchorage of machines. Hence, besides the conventional items needed to be checked, all fixing bolts and nuts should be thoroughly checked as well.

Yours faithfully,

(Y.W. LAW)
for Director of Electrical &
Mechanical Services

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