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To: All Registered Lift Engineers  
& Lift Contractors

Dear Sirs,

Circular No. 2/90

Fatal Lift Accident at Metex House, Tsuen Wan

On 19.7.89 a fatal lift accident occurred at Metex House, Tsuen Wan involving a 80 years old male who was crushed to death by a lift which was under repair. The case was heard before a Coroner on 15.2.90 to determine the cause of the death and at the conclusion of the death inquest the Coroner returned a verdict of "Misadventure" adding riders which read as follows:

1. Two maintenance workers should form one team when carrying out lift repair work.
2. Lift repairing workers should be adequately trained by the Lift Company.
3. There should be a limit on the number of hours that a lift repairer works in any one shift.
4. Warning or repair notices should be in Chinese and English.

I should be grateful if you would take the necessary steps to implement these recommendations.

Yours faithfully,

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for Director of Electrical &  
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