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To: All Registered Lift/Escalator Contractors and Engineers

Dear Sirs,

## **Circular No. 3/2014A**

### **Improvement of the Barrier Free Access – Extension on the Travel Height of the Vertical Lifting Platform from 4m to 7m and Update of the Cross References for the Barrier Free Access**

This circular serves to provide clarifications to the Circular No. 3/2014 (“the Circular”) on the same subject issued on 20 January 2014.

- (i) EMSD will consider granting type-approval in accordance with the Lifts and Escalators Ordinance (Cap. 618) for powered vertical lifting platforms with travel height up to 7m and equipped with overload device from the date issuing the Circular (i.e. 20 January 2014). The corresponding revisions (as detailed in Amendment No. 2 of the Circular) to the Code of Practice on the Design and Construction of Lifts and Escalators (2012 Edition) (“the Design Code”) are planned to be incorporated in its next edition.
- (ii) Please note that the Design Manual – Barrier Free Access 2008 published by the Buildings Department (BD) specifies that the maximum travel of vertical lifting platform which may be accepted under regulation 72 of the Building (Planning) Regulations for alteration and addition works to an existing building should be 4m. Please draw your client’s attention to the Practice Note for Authorized Persons, Registered Structural Engineers and Registered Geotechnical Engineers APP-41 issued by the BD and the provisions of the Buildings Ordinance.

If you have any query on the above requirements, please contact Mr. Gordon NG at telephone no. 2808 3115.

Yours faithfully,



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