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To: All Registered Lift Contractors and Engineers

Dear Sirs,

## **Circular No. 08/2013 Improvement on Lift Maintenance Works**

Recently, a political party at a press conference raised concern on lifts safety in Hong Kong. They highlighted the hidden problems observed on lift maintenance works at residential buildings and industrial buildings which included severe rusting on suspension ropes, oil leakage on traction machine and braking system, unauthorized alteration, replacement of control and operation parts in control panel, short-circuiting safety switches, etc.

In view of the above allegations, this Circular serves to remind all lift contractors and engineers that all major alterations must comply with the requirements stipulated in the Lifts and Escalators Ordinance. All inspection, cleaning, oiling, adjusting, repair, replacement, and alteration of the lift and any of the associated equipment or machinery must be carried out properly in accordance with the Ordinance and the Code of Practice for Lift Works and Escalator Works, in order to render the lift in a proper state of repair and in safe working order.

At the same time, to strengthen surveillance on registered lift contractors in respect of their maintenance works quality and operation, EMSD will continue to enhance inspections and to strictly enforce legislations, so as to prevent any decline in maintenance quality hampering the public safety.

Yours faithfully,



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The Hong Kong General Union of Lift and Escalator Employees