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Mr SIU Kam-yuen, Stephen
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Dear Mr SIU,

Stepping up Measures to Enhance Construction Safety

The Labour Department is highly concerned about the ten fatal industrial accidents that happened in the construction industry in the first quarter of 2014. The death toll is unusually high as compared to that in the same period in recent years. We issued an advisory letter to major construction contractors on 15 April 2014, urging them to step up measures to ensure compliance with the safety legislation and pay particular attention to work safety involving work-at-height and lifting operations. A copy of the advisory letter is enclosed herewith.

In the interest of workers' safety, may I have your kind assistance in disseminating the above safety message to your members. Should you need further information, please contact Miss WONG Pui-lam, Linda on 2852 4960.

Yours sincerely,

(WU Wai-hung)
for Commissioner for Labour



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Dear Sir/Madam,

Stepping up Measures to Enhance Construction Safety

The Labour Department ("LD") is highly concerned about the ten fatal cases that happened in the construction industry in the first quarter of 2014. The death toll is unusually high as compared to that in the same period in recent years. It indicates that fall-from-height remains the greatest threat to construction workers (4 fatal cases), and lifting operations also pose serious threat to workers (3 fatal cases).

You are therefore urged to step up measures to ensure compliance with the safety legislation and eliminate work hazards. Regarding work-at-height safety, you should safeguard all dangerous edges liable to fall of persons, ensure the use of safe working platforms and other safe means of support, and avoid the use of ladders or substandard scaffolds. Where mechanical working platforms are used, you should ensure that they are properly designed, constructed, maintained and used. You should also provide a suitable safety harness to every worker working on a suspended working platform or tower working platform, and ensure that the safety harness is properly worn and attached to an independent lifeline or a fall arresting system. In addition, where the use of working platforms is impracticable, such as during erection/ dismantling of a scaffold, etc., you should provide suitable fall protection devices such as safety harnesses and independent lifelines, and exercise effective supervision to ensure the workers make full and proper use of the devices.

As to lifting operations, you should pay particular attention to the planning, management and supervision of the operations concerned to ensure proper execution of safe lifting plans, with due regard to the stability of lifting appliances; safe use of lifting appliances and lifting gear through proper maintenance, regular testing and thorough examination; and security of loads.

In view of the grave consequences of breaches of the safety requirements for work-at-height and lifting operations, LD has been stepping up inspection and enforcement to deter unsafe work practices and to ensure compliance. Upon discovery of breaches of law, we will take vigorous enforcement actions without prior warning, including issuing suspension / improvement notices and initiating prosecutions as appropriate.

We appeal to your continuous cooperation and support in ensuring work safety of the construction industry. Should you need further information, please contact Miss WONG Pui-lam, Linda on 2852 4960.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'WU Wai-hung', with a vertical line to its right.

(WU Wai-hung)
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加強措施以改善建造業安全

勞工處高度關注 2014 年第一季發生的 10 宗致命建造業工業意外，這個情況是近年同期罕見的。上述數字顯示「人體從高處墮下」持續對建造業安全構成最大威脅(4 宗致命意外)，而吊運作業也對工人構成嚴重威脅(3 宗致命意外)。

承建商必須加強措施，以確保符合有關安全法例的要求，並消除工作危害。就高處工作安全而言，承建商必須在所有可能導致人體下墮的危險邊緣加設防護，並確保工人使用安全工作台及其他安全的支撐設備，以及避免使用梯子或不合規格的棚架。在使用機械工作台時，承建商必須確保有關工作台設計和構造良好、妥為維修及適當使用。承建商亦須為每名在吊船或塔式工作台工作的工人，提供合適的安全吊帶，及確保工人適當配戴安全吊帶並繫於獨立救生繩或防墮系統。此外，若使用工作平台為不切實可行，如進行棚架搭建/拆卸等工序，承建商必須提供安全吊帶及獨立救生繩等防墮裝置，並實施有效的監督制度，以確保工人充分及正確地使用該等裝置。

關於吊運作業，承建商須特別注意有關作業的策劃、管理及監督，以確保安全吊運方案得以妥善執行，並須顧及起重機械的穩定性、起重機械及裝置的妥善維修、定期測試及徹底檢驗，以及負荷物的穩固性。

鑑於違反有關高處工作及吊運作業的安全規定可導致嚴重後果，勞工處已加強巡查執法，以遏止不安全工作方式及確保有關人士遵守安全法例。如發現有違例情況，我們會採取嚴厲執法，包括發出「暫時停工通知書」/「敦促改善通知書」及提出檢控，而不會先給予警告。

貴公司的合作與支持，對確保建造業界的工作安全至為重要。如需進一步的資料，可致電 2852 4960 與黃珮琳小姐聯絡。

勞工處處長

(胡偉雄



代行)

2014 年 4 月 15 日