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主題： "Buildings Energy Efficiency Ordinance - The Deadline of the First Batch of Energy Audit Is Approaching!"

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Pursuant to the timetable in the Schedule 5 of the Buildings Energy Efficiency Ordinance (BEEO), the owners (or Incorporated Owners if any) of the commercial buildings and the commercial portions (e.g. shopping center under residential storeys) of composite buildings with Occupant Permits issued on or after 1 January 1988 should carry out the first energy audit for the central building services installations in the commercial buildings and the commercial portions of composite buildings **on or before 20 September 2013**. However, up to the moment of writing, the copies of the Energy Audit Forms and the energy audit reports of a certain number of the aforesaid buildings have not yet been submitted to this office as stipulated in section 22 of the BEEO. Pursuant to sections 22 and 23 of the BEEO, the owners of the aforesaid buildings who contravene the relevant requirements are liable on conviction to a **fine at level 5 (equivalent to HK\$50,000)**.

To remind the concerned building owners of the aforesaid deadline, we are successively issuing advisory letters as friendly reminders to the owners of the relevant buildings we know so far. However, we do not guarantee having known all the relevant buildings. The issuance of advisory letters is indeed not a legal requirement. Thus, please note that no matter whether the relevant building owners receive the advisory letters or no matter when they receive these letters, they should consciously perform the relevant statutory obligation on time.

Besides, we would also like to take this opportunity to clarify that the central building services installations small in scale will not be regarded as a reasonable "technical or operational reason" for exemption from the energy audit requirements since the scale of central building services installations does not affect the technical feasibility of energy audit. In other words, pursuant to the BEEO, the energy audit requirements must be observed irrespective of the scale of central building services installations unless there are other reasonable justifications. Indeed, the objective of the relevant requirements is to promote the culture of energy audit in order to let all the relevant building owners know the status of energy consumption of their buildings and hence adopt the appropriate energy management opportunities to enhance the energy efficiency of their buildings and save their energy bills.

While the deadline of the first batch of energy audit is approaching, we would like to appeal to you and/or the members of your organisations to assist to remind the owners of the relevant buildings served/managed by you to complete the energy audit as soon as possible before the deadline if not yet.

For the detailed information about the energy audit requirements, please visit the website of the BEEO (<http://www.beeo.emsd.gov.hk>).

Should you have any further enquiry, please feel free to contact this office at tel. 37576156 or email mbec@emsd.gov.hk.

Most grateful if you could disseminate this message to the members of your organisations if applicable.

Regards

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