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General Specification for Civil Engineering Works, 2006 Edition

Scope

This Circular promulgates the "General Specification for Civil Engineering Works, 2006 Edition" (hereinafter referred to as the 'new GS').

Effective Date

2. This Circular shall take effect on 1 September 2007.

Effect on Existing Circular

3. References to the "Hong Kong Government General Specification for Civil Engineering Works, 1992 Edition" and the related paragraph 9 in WBTC No. 18/92 are hereby superseded.

Background

4. The new GS has incorporated, among other changes, the use of "green" construction materials including recycled aggregates and reclaimed

asphalt material to further promote environmentally friendly construction practices in public works projects. It has also included two new sections on “Environmental Protection” and “Preservation and Protection of Trees”.

Policy

5. The new GS shall be used for all Works Group civil engineering contracts for which tenders are invited on or after 1 September 2007.

Particular Specification

6. Where necessary, the GS should be supplemented by a Particular Specification. Compatibility of all changes must be ensured by the department preparing the tender documents. If changes are considered necessary, the revised items together with the reasons for the changes shall be submitted to the D1 (or higher) level officer administering the contract for approval. Furthermore, it is essential to ensure that the Particular Specification does not conflict with other parts of the tender documents.

Application

7. As the new GS is publicly available and can be purchased at the Publications Sales Unit of the Information Services Department, it is therefore not necessary to bind the new GS into the tender or contract documents. However, this should be reflected in the Conditions of Tender by stating that the GS is not issued as part of the tender documents.

8. For a period of 6 months from 1 September 2007, all tenders invited using the new GS shall incorporate the following Note to Tenderers:

“Tenderers should note that the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region General Specification for Civil Engineering Works (2006 Edition) is used for this tender invitation.”

9. The new GS can also be viewed on the website of the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD), http://www.cedd.gov.hk/eng/publications/standards_handbooks/stan_gs_2006.htm.

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10. Enquiries about the new GS should be directed to SE/Standards of CEDD (tel.: 2762 5081).

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