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To: All Class 1 and 2
Registered Fire Service Installation Contractors

Dear Sirs/Madams,

Functionalities of Fire Control Panel
and Fixed Fire Pump of Fire Hydrant/Hose Reel System

All Class 1 and Class 2 registered fire service installation contractors (RFSIC) are advised to pay particular attention when conducting inspections of fire control panel (FCP) and fire hydrant/hose reel (FH/HR) system of buildings which building plans were approved pursuant to the Codes of Practice on Minimum Fire Service Installations and Equipment (CoP) published between 1987 and 1994.

Such buildings may have FCP configured in a way that they would likely cease giving a signal for the continuous operation of fire pump once the remote control button, i.e. manual call point of HR or fire alarm system, is reset or the transmission of signal is interrupted under very rare circumstances.

Though individual configurations of FCP have conformed to the minimum fire service installations standards necessary for the building at the time of building plan approval and remain functional for the operation of FH/HR, RFSIC are advised, during inspection of FCP and FH/HR System:

To check the actual configuration of fire pump control signal of FCP and ascertain whether the installed FCP could start fire pump automatically upon receiving the call from a remote control button and the fire pump could run continuously until it is stopped only manually at the pump control panel installed near the fire pump.

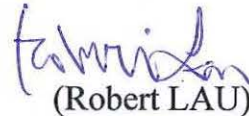
If it is found that the FCP and fixed fire pump control configuration cannot achieve the functionality as described above, RFSIC may inform building owners/occupiers of the situation and advise them of the work needed to enhance the functionality of FCP.

The enhancement to be taken is solely **voluntary** and building owners/occupiers are at liberty to decide.

As this letter does not involve any change of current statutory requirements, the advice is effective immediately.

Should you need any amplification on the subject matter, please contact Mr. KOON Ngok-chung, Senior Divisional Officer (Fire Service Installations Task Force) at 2733 7723 or Mr. CHAN Man-hon, Assistant Divisional Officer (Fire Service Installations Task Force) at 2733 4066.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Robert Lau', is positioned above the printed name.

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for Director of Fire Services