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Distribution: To all Licensed Plumbers and Authorised Persons

Dear Sirs.

WSD Circular Letter No. 1/2000 Amendments to the Hong Kong Waterworks Standard Requirements (HKWSR)

Your attention is drawn to the following amendments to the Hong Kong Waterworks Standard Requirements (Revised August 1995) which will be effective on all first submission of plumbing proposals on or after 1 July 2000:

HKWSR Chapter 1 Clause 1.6, Chapter 2 Clause 2.7 and Chapter 3 Clause 3.9 are amended to read:

"All water pipes which come into direct contact with concrete shall be protected with suitable material. No water pipe shall be embedded within load bearing structural elements such as columns, beams and slabs in longitudinal direction. You are required to state explicitly in the submitted plumbing drawings that no water pipe will be embedded in load bearing structural elements. In this regard, vertical water pipes piercing through structural slabs and transfer plates; and horizontal water pipes piercing through beams, columns and structural walls may be permitted when such water pipes are protected by sleeving or other suitable means. It is advisable, whenever practicable, to arrange for inspection by the

Water Authority prior to concreting on any pipework to be embedded in any structural elements or concealing any pipework by architectural features which cannot be easily removed for inspection and maintenance of the pipework after their installation. Moreover, in any event all underground pipework must be so inspected before it is backfilled or covered up."

Yours faithfully,

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