BUILDINGS ORDINANCE (Chapter 123)

It is hereby notified that the Registered Contractors' Disciplinary Board ('the Board') conducted an inquiry under section 13 of the Buildings Ordinance (Chapter 123) ('the Ordinance') on 17 March 2025 and was satisfied that Hip Hing Construction Company Limited ('the Contractor'), being a registered general building contractor on the register of general building contractors under section 8A(1)(a) of the Ordinance, and appointed in the capacity of registered general building contractor in respect of the construction works for a construction site at proposed commercial development at New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 6556, Kai Tak Area 1F Site 2, Kai Tak, Kowloon ('the subject Site'), was convicted on 24 May 2021 at the Kowloon City Magistrates' Courts of the following offences relating to building works in respect of an industrial incident at the subject Site on 27 June 2020, in that:—

- (1) the Contractor failed to take adequate steps to prevent person on the site from falling from a height of 2 meters or more, namely the bamboo scaffold on 17/F of North Tower facing south, contrary to regulations 38B(1), 68(1)(a) and 68(2)(g) of the Construction Sites (Safety) Regulations ('CSSR') made under the Factories and Industrial Undertakings Ordinance (Chapter 59) "FIUO" (Charge 1);
- (2) the Contractor failed to ensure that, so far as was reasonably practicable, suitable and adequate safe access to and egress from a place of work at the bamboo scaffold on 17/F of North Tower facing south on the subject Site was provided and properly maintained, contrary to regulations 38A(2), 68(1)(a) and 68(2)(g) of the CSSR made under the FIUO (Charge 2);
- (3) the Contractor failed to ensure workmen to erect scaffold under the immediate supervision of a competent person, contrary to regulations 38E(1)(b), 68(1)(a) and 68(2)(a) of the CSSR made under the FIUO (Charge 3);
- (4) the Contractor, being a proprietor of an industrial undertaking, namely construction works ('the Industrial Undertaking'), at the subject Site, be guilty of a like offence which has been committed by another proprietor, namely Host Glory Engineering Limited, in respect of the Industrial Undertakings, against sections 6A(1), 6A(2)(a) and 6A(3) of the FIUO, namely failed to provide and maintain a system of work for the erection of bamboo scaffold adjacent to the location of stanchion installation that was, so far as was reasonably practicable, safe and without risks to the health of two persons employed by Host Glory Engineering Limited at the Industrial Undertaking, contrary to section 13(1) of the FIUO (Charge 4); and
- (5) the Contractor, being a proprietor of the Industrial Undertaking, be guilty of a like offence which has been committed by another proprietor, namely Host Glory Engineering Limited, in respect of the Industrial Undertakings, against sections 6A(1), 6A(2)(c) and 6A(3) of the FIUO, namely failed to provide such information, instruction, training and supervision as was necessary to ensure, so far as was reasonably practicable, the health and safety at work of two persons, employed by Host Glory Engineering Limited at the Industrial Undertaking, contrary to section 13(1) of the FIUO (Charge 5).

The Board ordered that:-

- (a) in relation to Charge 1, the Contractor be fined HK\$100,000;
- (b) in relation to Charge 2, the Contractor be fined HK\$50,000;
- (c) in relation to Charge 3, the Contractor be fined HK\$50,000;
- (d) in relation to Charge 4, the Contractor be fined HK\$100,000;
- (e) in relation to Charge 5, the Contractor be fined HK\$50,000;
- (f) the Contractor shall pay the costs of the inquiry of the Board assessed at the amount of HK\$41,400; and
- (g) the Contractor shall pay the costs of the Building Authority assessed at the amount of HK\$14,800.