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To: Property Management Practitioners,

**Compliance with Noise Control Ordinance
in relation to Night-time Building Refurbishment / Improvement Works**

I write to invite your assistance in promulgating the relevant legislative noise control requirements among your staff and subsidiaries, with a view to preventing violation of the Noise Control Ordinance and noise nuisance arising from building refurbishment / improvement works.

We recently noted that there has been an increasing number of noise complaints lodged to us against night-time building refurbishment / improvement works such as replacement works of the fresh/flush water systems, wall drilling and wall breaking activities, erection of formwork for building facilities maintenance, etc. We also noted in some occasions that the property management offices were aware of such work being carried out by contractor(s) beyond the normal daytime working hours, in order to minimize disturbances to the business operations, tenants and/or residents.

Please be reminded that under the Noise Control Ordinance (Cap. 400), the use of Powered Mechanical Equipment (PME) for carrying out general construction work including building refurbishment / improvement work during the restricted hours (i.e. from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. on normal weekdays and at any time on a general holiday) and/or performing Prescribed Construction Work (such as erection or dismantling of scaffolding; loading, unloading or handling of rubble, wood or scaffolding material; hammering, etc.) requires a Construction Noise Permit (CNP) issued by this department. Any person carries out, or causes or permits to be carried out such work during the restricted hours without a valid CNP in force would constitute an offence under the NCO and is liable to a maximum fine of \$100,000 on first conviction, and a maximum fine of \$200,000 on second or subsequent conviction.

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We understand that there may be valid reasons or special circumstances that necessitate some works be carried out during the restricted hours. In this connection, this department would process the CNP applications in accordance with the relevant Technical Memoranda on the condition that:

- the need is well justified;
- the overall noise impact is evaluated and effectively mitigated with suitable abatement measures and/or working conditions and the effectiveness of noise abatement measures, such as noise barrier/enclosure, to be adopted is demonstrated adequate for the purpose; and
- particularly noisy construction activities have already been scheduled to be carried out during normal daytime working hours as far as practicable.

I shall be pleased if you would convey the above to your staff and subsidiaries and step up your supervision on the contractor(s) as appropriate. Should there be any violation in noise control requirements found, we would have to institute legal proceedings against the offending parties.

For further advice on CNP application, you may like to visit our EPD portal at the following [hyperlink](#), or contact our Regional Offices with details as provided in Appendix 1.

https://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/english/application_for_licences/guidance/application_maincontent36.html

Yours faithfully,



(Alan YU)

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Appendix 1 Addresses and Telephone Numbers of EPD Regional Offices

EPD office	District Covered (following District Council Boundary)	Address	Enquiry Telephone No.
Regional Office (East)	Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin, Sai Kung, Yau Tsim Mong & Kowloon City	5/F, Nan Fung Commercial Centre, 19 Lam Lok Street, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon.	2755 5518
Regional Office (South)	Hong Kong Island & Islands	2/F, Chinachem Exchange Square, 1 Hoi Wan Street, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong.	2516 1718
Regional Office (West)	Tuen Mun, Tsuen Wan, Kwai Tsing & Sham Shui Po	8/F, Tsuen Wan Government Offices, 38 Sai Lau Kok Road, Tsuen Wan, New Territories.	2417 6116
Regional Office (North)	Yuen Long, Sha Tin, Tai Po & North	10/F, Sha Tin Government Offices, 1 Sheung Wo Che Road, Sha Tin, New Territories.	2158 5757