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ENHANCEMENT TO \$50 MILLION GREEN MARK INCENTIVE SCHEME FOR EXISTING BUILDINGS AND PREMISES (GMIS-EBP) TENANTS

Background

1. In September 2014, BCA launched the \$50 million BCA Green Mark Incentive Scheme for Existing Buildings (GMIS-EBP) to incentivise energy efficiency (EE) improvements in existing buildings and tenanted premises. It provides a cash incentive to co-fund up to 50% of the qualifying costs¹ incurred for energy retrofits in existing buildings and premises. The scheme applies to both building owners and tenants that are small and medium enterprises (SMEs), or those building owners which have a proportion of tenants who are SMEs.

Objective

2. BCA recently enhanced the GMIS-EBP (Tenant) component of the scheme to **provide stronger support to the tenants** in raising the environmental sustainability of buildings.
3. The latest enhancements under the GMIS-EBP (Tenants) **component extends support to all SME² commercial tenants owning/leasing an office, retail, restaurant and supermarket premises.**

¹ 'Qualifying Costs' means the actual costs (excluding GST) involved in the Energy Improvement Works which consists only of the following items: (a) cost of such Approved Equipment; (b) cost of installation of such Approved Equipment; and (c) Professional Services.

² 'Small and Medium Enterprises (SME)' refers to companies governed by the Companies Act where (i) at least 30% of the company's ordinary shares are held directly or indirectly by Singaporean/Singapore PR(s) and (ii) either the company's Group annual sales turnover is not more than S\$100 million or company's Group employment size is not more than 200 employees. Notwithstanding the above, BCA shall decide in its sole discretion whether a company/tenant is a SME.

New enhancements under GMIS-EBP (Tenants)

4. The key enhancements to the scheme are:
- a) ***Double the co-funding cap for Office, Retail, Restaurant and Supermarket Premises***; and
 - b) ***Expand the list of energy efficient equipment funded to include list of equipment under the NEA Energy Labelling Scheme (3-ticks and above based on a 5-ticks band) for commonly used items in Office, Retail, Restaurant and Supermarket Premises (i.e. air-conditioners and refrigerators).***

Please refer to Annex A and B for more details.

Commencement Date of Enhancements under GMIS-EBP (Tenants)

5. The above enhancements under the GMIS-EBP (Tenants) will apply to applications received on or after 16 October 2017.

Clarification

6. The full details of this scheme such as application forms, application guidelines and Frequently Asked Questions can be found in our website at <https://www.bca.gov.sg/GreenMark/gmisebp.html>. For clarifications, please contact our BCA officers listed in Annex C.
7. We would appreciate it if you could convey the contents of this circular to the members of your institutes / associations.



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Annex A – Overview of Green Mark Incentive Scheme for Existing Buildings and Premises

S/No	Type of Fund	What is Funded?	How much is the Funding?						Who is Eligible?	
1	For tenants: Green Mark Incentive Scheme for Existing Buildings and Premises (GMIS-EBP)	<i>[Enhanced]</i> Co-funding of the retrofitting cost for energy improvements which includes lightings, air-conditioners, refrigerators, sensors and other energy efficiency related works	Green Mark Rating		EEI (kWh/m2/yr)	Lighting power budget (W/m2)	Co-funding Rate	OLD Cap Amount	NEW Cap Amount	Small & Medium Enterprise (SME) ³ commercial tenants owning/leasing an office, retail, restaurant and supermarket premises, located in all buildings.
			Certified & Gold	+	No requisite	10 or lower	40%	\$15,000	\$30,000	
			Gold ^{plus} or better		75 or lower	9 or lower	50%	\$20,000	\$40,000	
			Table 1: Proposed cap amount for Office Premises							
			Green Mark Rating		Lighting Power Budget (W/m2)		Co-funding Rate	OLD Cap Amount	NEW Cap Amount	
					Retail & Supermarket	Restaurant				
			Certified & Gold	+	25 or lower	15 or lower	40%	\$10,000	\$20,000	
			Gold ^{plus} or better		23 or lower	13 or lower	50%	\$15,000	\$30,000	
			Table 2: Proposed cap amount for Retail, Restaurant and Supermarket Premises							

³ The definition of SME, in accordance with SPRINGs definition is:

- Minimum 30% local shareholding **AND**
- Company's Group annual sales turnover not more than S\$100 million; **OR**
Company's Group employment size not more than 200 workers

Annex B

List of commonly approved energy efficient equipment and consultancy works (for tenants)

- 1) Energy Efficient Lightings, e.g. T5, LEDs
- 2) Electronic and high frequency ballast
- 3) LED exit lights
- 4) Lighting Control System
- 5) Photocell Sensors linked to lightings
- 6) Motion Sensors linked to lightings
- 7) Energy Management/Monitoring System (EMS)
- 8) 3 ticks Refrigerators (Recognised under NEA's Energy Labelling, Tick Rating System)
- 9) 3 ticks Split Unit Air-Conditioners (Recognised under NEA's Energy Labelling, Tick Rating System)
- 10) Sub-metering to monitor electricity use of different services for lighting and receptacle loads
- 11) Consultancy fees for Green Mark assessment fee, Licensed Electrical Worker (LEW) and Indoor Air Quality (IAQ)

Note: Any other equipment not in the above common list will be subject to review and approval from BCA.

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