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

Background

1. In September 2014, BCA announced the rolling out of the \$50 million Green Mark Incentive Scheme for Existing Buildings (GMIS-EBP) to encourage building owners and tenants to undertake Energy Improvement Works involving the installation of energy efficient equipment approved by BCA to achieve substantial improvements in energy efficiency. It provides a cash incentive amounting to up to 50% incurred solely for the purposes of energy efficiency improvements in existing buildings and premises.
2. The Scheme is targeted mainly at (a) existing private commercial buildings such as retail, hotels, office buildings and other approved non-residential buildings and (b) tenanted premises such as offices, retail, restaurant and supermarkets.
3. The incentive applies to Small & Medium Enterprise (SME) tenants and building owners, or building owners who are not SME but with at least 30% of its tenants who are SMEs.

Enhancements under GMIS-EBP (Building Owners)

4. BCA has enhanced the GMIS-EBP (Building Owners) to provide stronger support to the industry in raising the environmental sustainability of buildings. The enhancements are summarised below:
5. To provide stronger support and reduce the hurdles to the building owners and tenants in their partnership to green buildings, ***the eligibility requirement for building owners to achieve 30% SME tenants will be lowered to 10% of SME tenants*** (please refer to Item 1 in Annex B for more details).

6. The scheme will be **extended to office and retail buildings in Business Parks to offset part of their green retrofit costs. We will also be extending the scheme to include building owners who are Non-Governmental Organisation (NGOs), Voluntary Welfare Organisation (VWOs) and religious organisations** (please refer to Item 1 in Annex B for more details).

7. To relieve the high upfront capital cost of air-conditioning system replacement for non-financially strong building owners, **we will expand the scheme to include building optimisation projects to improve energy efficiency.** In order to ensure energy savings through optimisation, building owner will be required to adopt Energy Performance Contracting (EPC), where EPC firms guarantee the committed energy savings (please refer to Item 1 in Annex B for more details).

Commencement Date of Enhancements under GMIS-EBP (Building Owner)

8. The above enhancements under the GMIS-EBP (Building Owner) will apply to applications received on or after 30 June 2016.

Clarification

9. 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 A.

10. 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

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Annex B

S/No	Type of Fund	What is Funded?	How much is the Funding?	Who is Eligible?
1	Green Mark Incentive Scheme for Existing Buildings and Premises (GMIS-EBP) (Building Owner)	<i>[Enhanced]</i> Co-funding of the retrofitting cost for energy improvements, which includes total replacement and optimisation* of air-conditioning systems, lightings and other energy efficiency related works	<p><u>For buildings using water-cooled chilled water system undergoing total replacement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Co-funds up to 50%, or up to S\$3 million for building owners <p><u>For buildings using Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) System undergoing total replacement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Co-funds up to 50%, or up to S\$700,000 for building owners <p><u>For buildings undergoing optimisation*</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Co-funds up to 50%, or up to S\$700,000 for building owners 	<p><i>[Enhanced]</i> Small & Medium Enterprise (SME)¹ building owners, or building owners who are not SME but have at least 10% of its tenants who are SMEs of existing private commercial buildings such as retail, hotels, office buildings, mixed developments, office and retail buildings in business parks</p> <p><i>[Enhanced]</i> Building Owners of Non-Governmental Organisation (NGOs), Voluntary Welfare Organisation (VWOs) and Religious Organisations</p>
2	Green Mark Incentive Scheme for Existing Buildings and Premises (GMIS-EBP) (Tenant)	Co-funding of the retrofitting cost for energy improvements which includes lightings, sensors and other energy efficiency related works	<p><u>Office Tenants</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Co-funds up to 50%, or up to \$20,000 for tenants <p><u>Retail, Restaurant and Supermarket Tenants</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Co-fund up to 50%, or up to \$15,000 	Small & Medium Enterprise (SME) Tenants of Office, Retail, Restaurant and Supermarket

¹ 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