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Dear Sir/Madam,

## **STERN ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN AGAINST PERSONS INVOLVED IN CHEATING IN PUBLIC SECTOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS**

This circular warns the built environment (BE) sector that stern actions will be taken against anyone involved in cheating in public sector construction contracts.

2 Cheating and forgery are serious offences. Jail sentences meted out in recent cases demonstrate the severe consequences<sup>1</sup> for those who have deceived public sector clients through the submission of false quotations.

### **Stern actions to be taken on fraudulent firms and individuals**

3 Regular audits are carried out on public sector construction contracts to uncover irregularities in quotations with signs of possible falsification. Individuals or firms suspected of committing cheating and/or forgery will be reported to the Police, and if convicted, debarred from participating in future public sector contracts.

4 Let us continue to uphold the highest standards of integrity and honesty in the BE sector, and maintain a system of accountability when dealing with public sector construction contracts.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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Yours sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> Jail sentences for recent convicted procurement fraud cases. Case 1: 19 months' jail for man who used false quotations to cheat the Ministry of Home Affairs (<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/singapore/buildforms-construction-cheow-boon-peng-couple-sentenced-cheating-mha-fake-quotations-2278051>); Case 2: 13 weeks' jail for woman who used fabricated quotations for the Gardens by the Bay project (<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/courts-crime/jail-for-ex-director-of-construction-firm-over-fabricated-quotes-to-gardens-by-the-bay>).