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To: All firms registered in BCA's Contractors Registration System (CRS) CW01 and CW02 workheads

Fortnightly Progress Payment Claims in Public Sector Construction Projects

BCA informed the CRS contractors via a correspondence on 1 Feb 2020 that, if contractors involved in public sector projects assess that work progress has been delayed due to impact of the COVID-19 after having taken all necessary mitigating measures, contractors could submit claims for Extension of Time (EOT) under the contract provisions.

2 In addition to the above, to ease contractors' potential cashflow concerns that could arise due to COVID-19, the Government Procuring Entities (GPEs) will be accepting fortnightly payment claims, in lieu of monthly payment claims, for their public sector construction projects. Starting from 1 Apr 2020 or earlier as informed by the GPEs of their projects, contractors which wish to receive more frequent payments can submit payment claims for their public sector construction projects with GPEs fortnightly. To tide the industry through this period, contractors may also wish to similarly practise accepting more frequent payment claims from subcontractors in their downstream contracts.

3 As the situation of COVID-19 is evolving, MOF and BCA will monitor the situation and review the measure included in this circular in 6 months' time. If there is no further circular on this by 1 Sep 2020, this circular would lapse.

Thank you.

Regards,

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(Transmitted via email)