Dear Sir/Madam

CO-FUNDING SUPPORT FOR SAFE MANAGEMENT OFFICERS (“SMO SUPPORT”)

The $1.36 billion Construction Support Package was earlier announced on 27 June 2020. One component of the Construction Support Package is the co-funding of 50% of salaries of SMOs (SMO Support) who are Singapore Citizens or Singapore Permanent Residents (SC/SPR) for six months from September 2020 to February 2021, provided the firms adhere to COVID-Safe Worksite practices.

2 The Government also further announced an extension of the Jobs Support Scheme (JSS) on 17 August 2020 to provide 50% and 30% support for the Built Environment sector from September to October 2020; and November 2020 to March 2021, respectively.

Support level, funding cap and qualifying costs for SMO Support

3 Given that the extended JSS support will be provided till March 2021, there will be a 20% SMO Support “top up”, to maintain a 50% support level for the salary of SMOs from November 2020 to February 2021. Please see Annex A for more details including eligibility for the support, the amount and how to apply.

4 BCA will contact eligible firms via email from 30 November 2020 onwards on the submission process.

Application and disbursement

5 Eligible firms contacted by BCA must submit the necessary documents by 11 January 2021 to qualify for the SMO Support.

6 The SMO Support will be credited* directly to eligible firms through GIRO. To receive the one-off disbursement by 31 January 2021:

- Firms should have a valid bank account registered with Vendors@Gov by 20 January 2021.

* Firms which have submitted the necessary documents by 11 December 2020 and have a bank account registered with Vendors@Gov by 20 December 2020 would receive the disbursement by 31 December 2020.
7 Firms that do not have a bank account registered with Vendors@Gov can do so at http://www.vendors.gov.sg. A login user guide can be found here. Please note that firms require a CorpPass to register with Vendors@Gov. Details on CorpPass can be found at http://www.corppass.gov.sg.

8 BCA will approve the disbursement of the support to employers only if the project worksite does not have COVID-Safe related Stop Work Orders (SWOs) in BCA’s records during the funding period, prior to disbursement.

Yours faithfully,

MR. REGINALD WEE
CENTRE DIRECTOR, WEBUILDSG
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY
ANNEX A: FACTSHEET ON CO-FUNDING SUPPORT FOR SAFE MANAGEMENT OFFICERS (SMOs) (SMO SUPPORT)

About the Scheme

One of the restart criteria is the appointment of SMO on project site. The Government will co-fund the wages of SMOs to provide support to employers on the compliance costs incurred.

To help firms defray the cost of deploying SMOs, the Government will co-fund 50% of salaries of SMOs who are Singapore Citizens or Permanent Residents (SC/SPR) for six months from September 2020 to February 2021, provided that the firms adhere to COVID-Safe Worksite practices.

- Government will co-fund 50% of the first $4,600 of gross monthly wages for each SC/SPR SMO. This will be effected through a combination of the extended Jobs Support Scheme (JSS) and the SMO co-funding “top up” as follows:

<table>
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<th>Salaries for SMOs paid in:</th>
<th>JSS Support (from IRAS)</th>
<th>SMO Co-funding “Top Up” (from BCA)</th>
<th>Total Govt Support</th>
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<tr>
<td>Sep 2020 – Oct 2020</td>
<td>50%</td>
<td>Nil</td>
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<td>Nov 2020 – Feb 2021</td>
<td>30%</td>
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<td>Mar 2021</td>
<td>30%</td>
<td>Nil</td>
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- BCA’s SMO co-funding “top up” amount, also known as SMO Support, is capped at:
  - $3,680 split equally over 4 months ($920 per month) from November 2020 to February 2021;
  - 1 unique SMO for each construction project

Qualifying Criteria

- SMO must be SC/SPR
- Eligible firms are main contractors with ongoing construction projects:
  - approved by BCA to restart as at 1 November 2020;
  - require SMOs as per BCA’s COVID-Safe Worksite requirements; and
  - yet to obtain Temporary Occupation Permit (TOP) or Certificate of Statutory Completion (CSC) during the SMO co-funding “top up” period (Nov 2020 to Feb 2021).
Key dates to note:

**Application**

*From 30 Nov 2020* – Eligible firms will be contacted by BCA to submit the necessary documents

*By 11 Jan 2021* – Firms contacted by BCA must submit the necessary documents to qualify for the SMO Support:
  - Online application/declaration form;
  - Letter of Award for each declared construction project

**Disbursement**

*By 20 Jan 2021* – Firms should have a valid bank account registered with Vendors@Gov

*By 31 Jan 2021* – One-off disbursement credited* directly to eligible firms through GIRO

* Firms which have submitted the necessary documents by 11 December 2020 and have a bank account registered with Vendors@Gov by 20 December 2020 would receive the disbursement by 31 December 2020.