

MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT LIFT AT BLK 317 ANG MO KIO STREET 31 RESUMES OPERATION

Singapore, 29 March 2016 – The Building and Construction Authority (BCA) has allowed Lift A at Blk 317 Ang Mo Kio Street 31 to resume operation on 28 March 2016. BCA had earlier suspended the operation of the incident lift for further investigation after the lift had ascended quickly, without notice. Ang Mo Kio Town Council (AMKTC) was required to appoint an Authorised Examiner (AE) to inspect the lift, recommend rectification works and submit the findings to BCA.

2 The AE completed his investigation – which included inspecting and performing tests on the incident lift, and submitted his report to BCA on 24 March 2016. In his report, the AE concluded that it was likely that the brakes were not functioning well when the incident occurred. The AE further noted that the ascent occurred as the brakes could not hold the lift car in a stationary position. The AE assessed that this could be due to the jammed mechanical parts of the brakes, oily brake drum and worn-off brake liners.

3 BCA reviewed the AE's investigation report and also conducted an independent investigation on the incident lift, including tests and inspections of the brakes. BCA's findings are consistent with the AE's conclusions. BCA takes a serious view on any non-compliance of our safety regulations and will take enforcement action against the parties responsible, where appropriate.

4 AMKTC's lift contractor has completed the required rectification works on the incident lift. The AE conducted another round of inspection and tests and certified

that the lift is safe for use. BCA also inspected the lift and is satisfied with the AE's findings and has therefore allowed the lift to resume operation.

5 As an additional check, the AE also recommended that AMKTC engage an AE to conduct brake tests on the incident lift every quarter for the rest of this year to verify that the brakes are functioning normally. This is over and above the brake test that the lift contractor is required to carry out during the monthly maintenance of the lift.

6 Lift owners, including the Town Councils, are required by law to engage registered lift contractors to maintain their lifts, and lift contractors should do so with due diligence. Lift owners play an important role in ensuring that their lifts are maintained in accordance with prevailing standards. BCA regularly reviews the maintenance and safety standards of lifts and works closely with the industry to ensure that they continue to be relevant and on par with international standards.

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