

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **BCA INSPECTS STRUCTURAL SAFETY OF BUILDINGS AFTER FIRE INCIDENT AT JURONG WEST**

**11 Oct 2016** – The Building and Construction Authority (BCA) was alerted to the fire incident at Block 493 Jurong West Street 41 this morning. Based on the inspection by BCA engineers, it was observed that:

- (i) The **building structure at Block 493 remains stable**, although the roof structure of Block 493 had partially collapsed and was damaged due to the fire.
- (ii) The **structural integrity of Block 494 and the upper floors of the building are not affected by the fire**, although the fire had also resulted in damages to the first storey coffee shop and part of the timber roof structure at Block 494, as well as part of the adjacent covered linkways.

2. In the interest of public safety, BCA has directed the owners of the affected buildings to cordon off the affected areas and to appoint a Professional Engineer (PE) to assess the structural condition of the buildings and recommend permanent rectification works. The affected building at Block 493, first storey coffee shop at Block 494, and damaged parts of the adjacent covered linkways are required to be closed until detailed investigations by the PE are completed and rectification works have been carried out.

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