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(Attn: Mr. Chris CHONG - Chairman)

Dear Mr. CHONG,

**Buildings Energy Efficiency (Registered Energy Assessors)
Regulation (Cap.610B)**

Thank you for your letter dated 14 July 2021 about the relevancy of professional membership of Energy Institute (EI) for registration as Registered Energy Assessors (REA) under the captioned regulation.

According to section 5(1)(b)(i) of Cap 610B, an applicant who is a corporate member of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE) in the electrical, mechanical, environmental or building services discipline, or has an equivalent qualification recognized by HKIE as being a standard not lower than that of a corporate member of the HKIE in any of the aforesaid four disciplines may also be eligible for registration as an REA. As the Reciprocal Recognition Agreement between the EI and HKIE is related to the mutual recognition of members of EI with professional registration under the Engineering Council of UK (i.e. MEVFEI with Chartered Engineer (CEng) status obtained through membership of EI) and corporate members of HKIE in energy discipline (rather than the electrical, mechanical, environmental or building services discipline), section 5(1)(b)(i) of Cap 610B is not relevant for considering the professional membership of EI for registration as REA.

Notwithstanding the above, pursuant to section 5(2) of Cap 610B, an applicant can be registered as REA if the applicant satisfies the following registration criteria -

- (a) The applicant's knowledge, qualification, education, experience and training, if considered as a whole, are comparable to those requirements set out in Section 5(1)(a) or 5(1)(b) of Cap 610B;
- (b) The applicant is able to perform the duties and functions of an REA, and
- (c) The applicant is a fit and proper person to be registered.

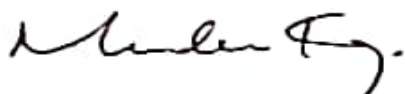
In respect of (a) and (b) above, an applicant who is a professional member of EI and a Chartered Engineer registered under the Engineering Council of UK (i.e. MIE/FEI with CEng status obtained through membership of EI) and fulfilling the following conditions would normally be assessed as comparable to the requirements set out in section 5(1)(a) or 5(1)(b) of Cap. 610B for REA registration -

1. Relevant education relating to energy efficiency in buildings which is accredited by the Energy Institute or Engineering Council or approved by one of the countries which have signed up to the Washington Accord,
2. Relevant experience, such as the post-qualification practical experience in engineering works relating to energy efficiency in buildings of at least 3 years; and
3. Relevant training, such as seminars or courses on energy audit, RCx, BEAM Pro, etc. which is related to energy efficiency in buildings with a minimum of 30 CPD hours per year in the afore-mentioned post qualification period.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for the Institute's unfailing support and continuing contribution in enhancing buildings energy efficiency. We look forward to collaborating among various professional institutions in Hong Kong in our strive towards carbon neutrality.

If you need any clarification, please feel free to contact our Mr. Lawrence LOH at 28083765 or e-mail to ylooh@emsd.gov.hk

Yours sincerely,



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