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Dear Sir/Madam

CESSATION OF BONUS SCHEME FOR CONSTRUCTION QUALITY (BSCQ)

The BSCQ requirement for all public sector construction tenders under the BCA Construction Workhead (CW01 – General Building) with an estimated construction cost of \$5 million and above will be abolished with effect from **15 October 2024**.

2 The cessation is in consideration of the maturation of public sector projects' quality performance and to allow Government Procuring Entities (GPEs) flexibility to manage the quality delivery of their projects moving forward.

3 For ongoing contracts with BSCQ, the applicable bonus and discount and CONQUAS (Construction Quality Assessment System) Assessment will continue to apply, i.e. no contract variation is required.

4. To maintain oversight of construction quality for public sector building projects, CONQUAS Assessment is still required for all public sector construction tenders under the BCA Construction Workhead (CW01 – General Building) with an estimated construction cost (without contingency sum) of \$10 million and above. Details are in the Ministry of Finance's (MOF) amended Instruction Manuals (IM) "S8 R13 CONQUAS (Construction Quality Assessment System) assessment for Building Projects."

5. Builders should continue to uphold quality delivery as their quality performance will be assessed after the completion of the public sector projects that they are involved in. Their quality track records will continue to be considered as part of the public sector tender evaluation framework.

6. FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) are in the **Annex** for reference.

7. We would be grateful if you could disseminate the contents of this circular to your staff/members. Please contact Mr. Ken Ho at email: ken_ho@bca.gov.sg if you need further clarifications on this matter.

8. Thank you.

Yours faithfully

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ANNEX

FAQs

Q1: Are BSCQ and CONQUAS assessment for project with tender called before the effective cessation date still applicable/required?

Ans: The bonus/discount is still applicable for ongoing projects with BSCQ and they are also required to complete the CONQUAS assessment. The bonus/discount as well as debarment and downgrading remain where applicable.

Q2: Is Price Loading still applicable for tenders called before the effective cessation date?

Ans: Yes. Price Loading will only cease to apply for tenders called on and after the effective BSCQ cessation date.

Q3: Will there be a Bonus/Discount Threshold or target CONQUAS score for project without BSCQ?

Ans: GPEs may choose to set their own bonus/discount threshold or target CONQUAS score.

Q4: Can CONQUAS be excluded or waived?

Ans: CONQUAS remains a requirement for all public sector construction tenders under the BCA Construction Workhead (CW01 – General Building) with an estimated construction cost (without contingency sum) of \$10 million and above.

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