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To: All Licensed Electrical Workers

Dear Sirs

LICENSING OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS UNDER THE ELECTRICITY ACT (CAP. 89A)

In its effort to cut red tape and reduce business costs, the Energy Market Authority will phase out the licensing of electrical contractors on 1 Dec 2002. Consequently the Electrical Workers And Contractors Licensing Act and the Regulations made thereunder are revoked on 1 Dec 2002.

2 From 1 Dec 2002, the licensing of electrical workers comes under the Electricity Act (Cap. 89A) and the Electricity (Electrical Workers) Regulations 2002. All existing electrical worker licences issued under the revoked Electrical Workers And Contractors Licensing Act and its regulations will remain valid as they are deemed to have been issued under the Electricity Act (Cap. 89A). Licensed electrical workers (LEWs) will continue to be responsible for the design, installation, repair, operation and maintenance of electrical installations as authorised by the class of licence he holds.

3 Under the provisions of the Electricity (Electrical Workers) Regulations 2002, a LEW will be permitted to inspect and test electrical installations, issue test reports and/or issue certificate of fitness in respect of electrical work which he is authorised to perform or carry out in accordance with the class of licence he holds. With the phasing out of licensed electrical contractors, LEWs are empowered to submit applications for electricity supply on behalf of consumers.

4 In view of the authority conferred to LEWs as indicated in paragraph 3 above, separate registration of high voltage testing engineers (HVT) and small installation testers (SIT) is no longer required and their appointment will lapse from 1 Dec 2002.

5 For more information on the licensing of electrical workers, you are advised to obtain a copy each of the Electricity Act (Cap. 89A) and the Electricity (Electrical Workers) Regulations 2002 from SNP Corporation Ltd at 491 River Valley Road, #01-20 Valley Point, Singapore 248371.

6 If you need clarification, please email to EMA_RD_ELISE@ema.gov.sg.

Yours faithfully

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