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Dear Sirs / Madams

ADDENDUM TO THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR INFOCOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES IN BUILDINGS ("COPIF:2000")


1. IDA has conducted a public consultation in March 2005 to solicit feedback from the industry, building developers and telecommunication system licensees on the proposed revisions to COPIF:2000. Amongst the changes, IDA has proposed to:
 - (a) merge the space and facilities used for the deployment of telecommunication systems and broadband coaxial cable system. This has been well received by the industry and IDA has received numerous queries on how soon this change could be implemented by the industry; and
 - (b) remove MDA's related requirement on new buildings of 6-storey and above to provide tap-off points.

2. Arising from the Next Generation National Broadband Network project ("Next Gen NBN") which was recently announced PM Lee Hsien Loong and MICA Minister Dr Lee Boon Yang, IDA intends to further review the current COPIF:2000 to take into consideration the space and facilities requirements related to the Next Gen NBN. In order not to unduly hold up the advancements while IDA reviews the current COPIF:2000, IDA has incorporated consequential changes, highlighted in paragraph 1(a) and 1(b), as an addendum to the existing COPIF:2000 ("the Amended COPIF"). The addendum can be downloaded from IDA website at:

<http://www.ida.gov.sg> >> Policy & Regulation >> Codes of Practice & Guidelines >> Code of Practice for Infocomm Facilities in Buildings (COPIF)

3. All developers or owners whose permission for building development was granted by the Urban Redevelopment Authority on or after 15 September 2006 shall comply with the requirements in the Amended COPIF. For developers or owners whose permission for building development was granted before 15 September 2006, and who wish to adopt the requirements of the Amended COPIF, such developers or owners shall submit their building plans or resubmit their revised building plans to Telecommunication Facilities Co-ordination Committee ("TFCC") via the CoreNet e-submission system for TFCC's comment and approval.
4. We would greatly appreciate it if you can disseminate this information to the members in your association.

Yours faithfully



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