

ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND SAFETY

SUSTAINABILITY DEPARTMENT

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TO : All Business Units of Dubai World, Their Clients , Green Building Consultants, Commissioning Authorities, Architectural & Engineering consultants, Contractors and relevant stakeholders.

SUBJECT : Green Building Projects Reviews & Reporting

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Greetings from EHS.

This is in continuation to our on-going efforts to facilitate the green building projects by incorporating suitable mechanisms for reviews and follow ups and in the process maximize the value to all the stakeholders last but not the least our environment.

EHS Green Building section has come across instances where few of the Green Building strategies originally planned and committed for projects have been rendered unachievable due to several underlying issues ranging from lack of awareness to lack of suitable support from stakeholders. Very often, these issues are brought to EHS attention at a stage when it is too late to adopt a corrective mechanism thereby technically depriving the project of a sustainability credit. This neither helps the environment nor the project.

EHS does take cognizance of the several technical challenges that the stakeholders face in the process of complying with the green building regulations but would like to state however that green building projects require strong monitoring all through the construction, completion and commissioning phases. It calls for unfaltering commitment of **ALL** the stakeholders to work together and see it successfully passing the sustainability assessment.

EHS expects the green building project plan(GBPP) a product supposedly of detailed design integrations and continuous efforts of the stakeholders to be fully followed through the construction period unless and until specific & critical issues are immediately brought to the attention of EHS. Such an approach helps in recording (and timely resolving) those issues while at the same time providing an opportunity to take stock of the project from Sustainability viewpoint. This notion has been the backbone of our functioning and would continue to be.

EHS firmly believes that sustainability is the way forward as it is going to bring enormous benefits not only for the environment but for the client in the long run. It is our desire that the stakeholders derive both the tangible and intangible benefits of the sustainability and to that

extent it has always been forthcoming to meet up with the stake holders to discuss critical issues and challenges and resolving them.

Through this circular, EHS impresses upon the stakeholders the need to keep it fully updated on the status of the project in relation to the green building criteria. EHS has also started incorporating a standard clause in its review report which states as under:

“For the sake of clarity and consistency, we strongly suggest that you update EHS on the progress of the project in relation to its Green building commitments. It should be noted that any developments in the project front that potentially impact the implementation of the EHS Green building regulations as committed by this approved GBPP should be brought to the immediate attention of the department. Request for changes to scope, waivers, modifications to any of the commitments made earlier, without proper communication to EHS and written clearance from EHS will not be entertained during BCC submissions stage”

It is expected that clients, Architectural Engineering consultants, contractors, suppliers and other stakeholders instrumental in providing the data / information to the Green Building consultants in the process of their complying with the Green regulations, would extend the required support and cooperation in this regard.

Should you have any queries, please contact us at EHS.GreenBuilding@trakhees.ae

Regards,

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