

ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND SAFETY

SUSTAINABILITY DEPARTMENT

CIRCULAR: EHS/GB/04/11

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

SUBJECT : EHS Commences In-House Certification for Green Buildings

DATE : 15 December 2011

Greetings from EHS!

Trakhees-EHS (Environment, Health and Safety), the regulatory arm of PCFC -Ports, Customs and Free Zone Corporation is pleased to announce the commencement of its "In- house" Certification facility for Green Buildings. This initiative devised on the back of market feedback and stakeholder's views is expected to provide the clients with a viable and cost effective alternative for certification of their Green Building Projects

Through this announcement which enters into force with immediate effect, all EHS / Dubai world jurisdiction projects following the LEED rating system can pursue certification by making use of any of the following options

Option-1

To continue with the current practice of registering the project with United States Green Building Council (USGBC) and seeking appropriate certification by Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI).

Option-2

Submit to EHS for In-House review & certification.

What it means to the clients?

1. The Green Building submissions would be fully reviewed and certified by EHS. It would no longer be required to register with United States Green Building Council (USGBC) and seek certifications from Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI).
2. Greater conveniences in dealing with a local authority in terms of submissions, reviews, Communications and ease of reach.
3. Considerable saving in the overall process time for certification.
4. Reduced cost. It is expected to be at least 50% more economical when compared to the cost that would normally be incurred in option-1 (USGBC path)

Note

1. In-House certification is applicable ONLY for projects following the EHS Regulation GB 4.0 (LEED rating system)
2. This process does not affect any of the existing EHS processes or submission requirements.
3. The clients are expected to notify EHS in advance (during NOC-BP submissions) on the options they would pursue, for records and appropriate treatment of the project by EHS
4. It is purely the prerogative of the stakeholders to pursue LEED certification from GBCI should they wish to do so. EHS In-House certification facility does not deter / influence their choices.

A short briefing note is attached with this circular for your reference.

EHS would shortly be releasing the procedure detailing the certification process and its interlinks with NOC-BP and NOC-BCC application procedures.

It is also planned to conduct face to face sessions with key holders in order to strengthen the awareness on this initiative and clarify any doubts that they would have on the processes.

This notification is applicable to all new projects and will not impact the existing projects that have already been subject to Green building review under the current regulations.

However should the clients prefer to exercise the In-House certification facility for any of their on going projects, they should submit an application to EHS with relevant particulars including specific justification. EHS would review the application with due consideration of the merits of the case and provide appropriate response for further action.

EHS-Trakhees is committed to providing quality regulatory services to our business units and clients in protecting the environment, human health and safety . As always, we look forward to your cooperation, support and a very successful working relationship.

Should you have any queries, please feel free to approach the Green Buildings department or contact us at EHS.GreenBuilding@trakhees.ae

Regards,

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Encl : Announcement Slides

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**EHS Commences
In-House Certification
of Green Building
Projects**



This Initiative is to provide the clients with a Simpler, Faster and Economical Certification option for their Green Building projects.

Trakhees-EHS, the Regulatory arm of PCFC & DW jurisdiction is pleased to inform its Clients and Business units that they can NOW exercise the option of submitting their projects to EHS for In-House Green Building Certification.

What it means for the client ?

- An Option to seek local certification (EHS) in place of USGBC / GBCI Certification.
- Ease and Convenience in Submissions (locally based)
- Benefits in terms of communications & response mechanisms.
- All Submissions and Reviews by EHS In-house team.
- Quicker Review Process. Saves time
- Certification by EHS
- Simplified and Reduced Cost (At least 50% Less..)

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IN HOUSE CERTIFICATION

INTENT

- Developed Based on Market feedback.
- Clients not willing / preferring to seek the USGBC path can opt for EHS-Review path for review and certification
- To provide a localized Review facility and convenience for the clients
- More Economical and Convenient option for the stakeholders

The choice rests with the clients....

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