

## ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND SAFETY

### SUSTAINABILITY DEPARTMENT

#### CIRCULAR: EHS/GB/04/13

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

**SUBJECT :** Revisions to EHS Green Building Regulations GB 8.0  
Optional Compliance

**DATE :** 15 April 2013

Greetings from Trakhees-EHS

This is to bring to the attention of the stakeholders that Green Building regulation GB-8.0 that addresses the Villas & Residential Developments (up to 3 habitable stores) would henceforth be optional. This decision has been made with a view to grant the owners and clients greater flexibility in relation to adopting various sustainability standards in their projects. This will be applicable with immediate effect on new projects as well as the existing ones that have already been issued with the building permit.

EHS rolled out the Regulation for Villas considering its unique features that require a prescriptive, simple and practical approach. While the Regulation reflected the pressing needs of this segment, there was a firm commitment on the part of EHS to subject them to constant introspection in the course of the Regulatory activities and incorporate necessary adjustments as deemed essential and appropriate in the larger interest of the sustainability of built environment. As always this involved a deeper examination of the technical challenges, stakeholder's perspectives and gaps. It has been felt that a generalized flexibility to the developers to seek several sustainability alternatives would have a wider level of acceptance in the market for this development.

EHS as always continues to encourage sustainable design, construction and operations as they have significant impacts not only in terms of immediate savings to clients but in the larger context of climate change mitigation too. This announcement is a reflection of this position. Accordingly clients and developers are strongly encouraged to incorporate the green designs in their projects and contact EHS for any technical assistance. Should they wish to follow the

current Green Building regulation GB 8.0 or any other equivalent ones and prefer an assessment, they may continue the current practice of the submission procedures.

The circular to this effect would be released shortly and can be downloaded from the “Green Building” section of the portal [www.ehss.ae](http://www.ehss.ae). Necessary adjustments to the procedure sections would be carried out shortly and would be notified in due course.

EHS-Trakhees is committed to providing quality technical services to our business units and clients in protecting the environment, human health and safety and as always, we look forward to your cooperation, support and contribution.

Have a good day!

Regards,

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Encl: Announcement Slides

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