



肺塵埃沉着病補償基金委員會 PNEUMOCONIOSIS COMPENSATION FUND BOARD

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The Chairperson
Architects Registration Board
19/F, One Hysan Avenue
Causeway Bay
Hong Kong

Dear Sirs

Reporting of Form 1 and Form 3 Pneumoconiosis and Mesothelioma (Compensation) Ordinance

As you may be aware, the Pneumoconiosis Compensation Fund Board (PCFB) is a statutory body which is obliged to collect levies from contractors in order to compensate persons suffering from pneumoconiosis or mesothelioma.

As part of its functions, PCFB has the statutory duty to request that all relevant information be provided in relation to the commencement and completion of construction operations which information is to be furnished by the "authorised persons" under the above Ordinance.

However, in spite of our repeated written requests for this information our records show that many authorised persons are ignoring our requests and are failing to respond to us with the relevant information. You will appreciate that this causes considerable inconvenience to the PCFB in trying to fulfill its obligations and also leads to additional costs being incurred in pursuing repeated requests for the information.

In the circumstances, and bearing in mind that most of the authorised persons are members of your Board, we are writing to you to draw your attention to this matter and respectfully requesting that you inform and remind your members that it is important to cooperate with the PCFB in carrying out its statutory obligations and that the information sought by PCFB should be provided by authorised persons promptly. Authorised persons should also be aware that under Sections 4 and 5A of the Pneumoconiosis and Mesothelioma (Compensation) (Assessment of Levy) Regulations, any authorised person who without reasonable excuse fails to give the notice of Form 1 or Form 3 commits an offence and is liable to a fine of HK\$5,000 or level 2 (HK\$5,000) respectively.

If we can assist you further in cooperating on this matter please let us know.

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Yours faithfully,
For and on behalf of
Pneumoconiosis Compensation Fund Board

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Samson Leung', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Samson Leung
Deputy Secretary General