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N.T.
(Attn.: Mr Gary WONG)

Dear Sir,

Request a letter of no objection

I refer to your letter by fax on 26.3.2009 and a copy of test report.

Please be advised that there is no provision under the Buildings Ordinance for the Building Authority to approve any proprietary fire resisting products.

Under the Buildings Ordinance, "authorised persons" (i.e. architects, engineers or surveyors registered with the Building Authority) are required to supervise building works including the selection and installation of proprietary fire resisting products and to certify compliance with the Buildings Ordinance upon completion of works. Authorised persons are therefore responsible for ensuring the health and structural safety requirements inter alia of these fire resisting products in the building projects which they have been appointed by the developer to co-ordinate and supervise. It is also their responsibility to ensure these products have been installed in accordance with the manufacturers' specifications and complied with the Buildings Ordinance and Regulations.

In establishing the acceptability of fire resisting products, reference may be made to the performance standards laid down in Building (Construction) Regulation 90, the current Code of Practice for Fire Resisting Construction issued by the Building Authority and British Standard 476: Parts 20-24. Reliance may also be placed on test/assessment reports prepared by laboratories recognised by the Hong Kong Laboratory Accreditation Scheme (HOKLAS).

Before fire resisting products are installed in a building project, the authorised person appointed for the project should be approached for advice and guidance and **prior comment or approval from the Buildings Department is not required.**

Yours faithfully,



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