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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Recognition of Graduate Engineers, Engineering Technologists and Professional Engineers for Inspector of Works (IOW) Functions

The Registration of Engineers Act 1967 ("the Act") describes function of an IOW in Section 7(2)(ab) as follows:

"an Inspector of Works who is registered with the Board may, subject to section 8, take up employment which requires him to assist the Professional Engineer in the supervision of engineering works;"

In this context, an Inspector of Works (IOW) assists the Professional Engineer (PE) or Professional Engineer with practising Certificate (PEPC) where applicable in carrying out inspection and site supervision duties.

An IOW who seek registration with the Board of Engineers Malaysia (BEM) must possessed minimum a Diploma in Engineering or Engineering Technology qualification accredited by ETAC or accredited by a professional body which is a member of Dublin Accord or any equivalencies qualification as recognised by the BEM.

The BEM has recently observed an increasing number of applications for registration as IOW from individuals who are already registered with the BEM as Graduate Engineers (GE), Engineering Technologists (ET) and PE.

These categories of registrants have already satisfied the registration requirements under the Act and are recognised by BEM as competent to perform engineering functions within the scope of their respective registered disciplines. The inspection and supervision activities typically undertaken by an IOW form part of the engineering functions that such registered persons are qualified to perform.

It is also noted that registration as an IOW is presently not discipline-specific, whereas registration as a GE, ET or PE is discipline-specific. Requiring these registered practitioners to obtain an additional IOW registration may inadvertently create a situation where an IOW

registration could be interpreted as permitting the holder to undertake inspection or supervision work across engineering disciplines beyond the scope of their registered discipline. Such an interpretation would be inconsistent with the discipline-based regulatory framework established under the Act.

Accordingly, BEM wishes to inform all employers that:

1. Individuals registered with BEM as GE, ET, PE or PEPC are eligible to perform the inspection and supervision functions ordinarily associated with an IOW, irrespective of their qualification branch as long as they have the approval of a PEPC as PSP or SP.
2. These registered persons are **not required to obtain a separate registration as an IOW** solely for the purpose of performing such inspection and supervision functions.
3. Employers may appoint registered GE, ET, PE or PEPC to carry out IOW functions that are commensurate with their qualifications and competence.
4. This announcement does not extend the scope of practice of any registrant beyond the type of registration under which he or she is registered with BEM. Every registrant shall practice only within the scope, limitations, and conditions applicable to his or her type of registration, and only within the limits of his or her competence.
5. The Uniform Building by-Laws 2021 defined Site Supervisory Staff as employee of a principal submitting person or submitting person engaged for a particular project and shall constitute of an inspector of works or registered engineer or registered building draughtsman or graduate architect or architect for the purpose of supervising all construction works at a site.

Employers are advised to ensure that appointments for inspection and supervision of engineering works are made in accordance with the Act, its subsidiary legislation, and any relevant directives or guidelines issued by BEM.

This announcement takes effect from the date of its issuance.

Yours faithfully,



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Registrar,
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