

# BULLETIN AUGUST 2014

## **[Notice] Mandatory Compliance of Energy Efficiency (EE1)**

Submissions for certification under all Green Building Index Rating Tools (except township) registered after 30th June 2014, will be required to comply with EE1 (Minimum Energy Efficiency Performance). This mandatory compliance requirement will not be applicable to existing buildings where submission to the Local Authority for approval is not required. The provision of Energy Management System under EE1 will only be applicable if it is required in the latest version of MS1525.

## **[Notice] Declaration of usage of buildings**

Projects registering under GBI Residential New Construction (RNC) category with land title bearing "Commercial" status are required to declare the intended usage of the buildings. Examples of such projects are SOHO, Service Apartment, etc. Owners AND Architects registering these projects are required to declare their residential use in writing when submitting for registration.

## **[Update] Material & Resources (MR) Criterion**

The criterion requires submission of compliance certificate issued by either;

- (1) Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), or
- (2) Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme (MTCS)

For MTCS compliance, the MTCS certificate must be issued on or after 1 July 2012.

## **[Update] 2014 Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Guidelines – Updated**

GBI Facilitators are encouraged to adhere to GBI CPD framework for the submission of minimum CPD points for renewal of registration. The version 2.0 of GBI CPD Guidelines has been updated as of May 2014. The guidelines can be downloaded from GBI website:

<http://www.greenbuildingindex.org/Resources/GBI%20Documents/GBI%20CPD%20Guidelines%20V2.0.pdf>

## **[New] Practice Note for Quantity Surveyors – Now available in GBI website**

The practice note is a set of guidelines to assist Quantity Surveyors and other relevant professionals in their submissions for GBI certification and Verifying and Certifying GBI Green incremental cost for tax incentive. The practice notes can be found in GBI website:

[http://www.greenbuildingindex.org/Resources/GBI%20Documents/GBI\\_QSPracticeNotes060813.pdf](http://www.greenbuildingindex.org/Resources/GBI%20Documents/GBI_QSPracticeNotes060813.pdf)

## **[Notice] GBI Residential New Construction (RNC) Tool Version 3.0**

GBI RNC Tool Version 2.0 has been officially replaced by Version 3.0 as of 31st December 2013. RNC projects registered after 31st December 2013 (with registration reference code of GSB/RNC/2014/###) will mandatorily be required to use the GBI Residential New Construction (RNC) Tool Version 3.0 and GBI Design Reference Guide - Residential New Construction (RNC) Version 3.1.

## **[Notice] Discount on GBI Registration fees**

Discounts on GBI Registration fees are applicable for:

- (a) Affordable Housing Projects, and;
- (b) Charitable organizations or their related projects

The quantum of discounts and approval shall be on case-to-case basis, at the full discretion of the GBIAP.

## **[New] Updated submission documents**

GBI Facilitators are reminded to use the updated "Project & Consultants Information Sheet" for submission. The latest version of this document can be downloaded from GBI website:

<http://www.greenbuildingindex.org/Resources/GBI%20Documents/Project%20&%20Consultants%20Information.pdf>

## **Monthly updates – Executive Summary**

GBI website provides updated monthly statistics of registered and certified projects, which can also be downloaded in pdf format. The executive summary can be found at:

<http://www.greenbuildingindex.org/organisation-certified-buildings-Summary.html>

## **On-going Consultation Sessions – Fortnightly**

GBI Consultation Sessions are conducted on alternate Fridays for anyone with queries on GBI or sustainability issues. Each session comprises 30 minutes discussion with our panelists. Priority will be accorded to participants whose projects have been registered for GBI certification. Admission is FREE. Registration is based on a first-come-first-served basis. Any cancellation must be notified at least two days before the session. Walk-in registrations are not encouraged. To register, please contact GBI secretariat: 03 2283 2566 or email to [info@greenbuildingindex.org](mailto:info@greenbuildingindex.org).