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DIRECTIVE TO ALL WARRANT HOLDERS

MEPA Circular to Architects Ref: 03/09 – dated 7 August 2009

The Chamber of Architects and Civil Engineers is informed that MEPA has issued the abovementioned 'Circular to Architects'. The Circular states that the requirement for endorsement of a 'Change of Architect' form by both the incoming and the outgoing Architect and Civil Engineer has been withdrawn and that as from 7 August 2009, the relevant form must be endorsed solely by the incoming Architect and Civil Engineer who will assume legal responsibility as from the date on the form.

This change has been summarily imposed by MEPA without any consultation whatsoever, in spite of the obvious potential for problems, legal complications and possible abuse. Moreover, the heavy-handed approach taken by MEPA makes a mockery of any consultation process, despite the agreement reached between MEPA and the Chamber several years ago and as a result of which the current 'Change of Architect' form and procedure, amongst other issues, was agreed upon.

The Chamber of Architects and Civil Engineers feels that, once again, as in previous instances, MEPA has ignored the proper process of consultation and in the circumstances, both the attitude taken as well as the content of the Circular, are unacceptable.

All Warrant Holders are hereby directed to ignore the contents of the MEPA Circular to Architects bearing reference 03/09 and to continue observing the appropriate procedure whereby both incoming and outgoing Warrant Holders endorse the 'Change of Architect' form as outlined in the Circular to all Warrant Holders issued by the Chamber earlier this year.

Warrant Holders are advised that this Directive is to stand until further notice and any cases of non-compliance with same, will be referred to the Board of Professional Conduct for appropriate disciplinary action.

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