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CIRCULAR TO PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTES/ ASSOCIATIONS

NEW BCA GREEN MARK STANDARD FOR OVERSEAS APPLICATIONS – GREEN MARK INTERNATIONAL (GM INTERNATIONAL)

Objective

- 1 This is to inform the industry on the new BCA Green Mark standard for Overseas applications for New and Existing Residential and Non-Residential buildings.
- 2 The new Green Mark criteria for overseas will be known as **GM International** and will adopt GM 2021 criteria framework. The current criteria for overseas projects will be streamlined and consolidated under the new GM International framework. It will place stronger focus on outcome-based indicators, such as energy and carbon, to address climate change. It will also cover wider sustainability issues such as buildings' health and wellbeing, resilience, intelligence, and design for maintainability.
- 3 The GM International criteria will include two lower tier ratings (Certified and Gold) peg to our current environmental regulatory standards. The lower tier ratings in GM International will maintain high sustainability and energy efficient standard set in our building codes and regulation. Adjustments are also made on Energy Efficiency pathways to deal with building projects that require space heating to follow their countries prevalent standards.

Details of the New GM International Framework

- 4 The new GM International criteria and framework is currently available via the following URL: (<https://go.gov.sg/GM2021>)

Implementation Timeline

- 5 The GM International will come into effect on **1 April 2023 (Effective Date)**. All overseas projects (new non-residential buildings, existing non-residential buildings, residential buildings, existing residential buildings) applying for Green Mark certification on or after the Effective Date will be assessed under GM International. For re-certification, simplified recertification will be replaced by GM International In-Operation.

For Clarification

- 6 We would appreciate it if you could convey the contents of this circular to members of your organisation. For clarification, you may contact us via our online feedback form (<https://www.bca.gov.sg/feedbackform/>) or contact the following officers:

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