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Dear ECMOs,

## PERFORMANCES OF EARTH CONTROL MEASURES OFFICERS (ECMOs)

The construction industry has engaged Earth Control Measures Officers (ECMOs) for construction projects involving earthworks since 1 April 2015. The role of ECMOs include implementing the Earth Control Measures (ECM) plan as designed by the Qualified Erosion Control Professional (QECP), following up with the inspection and maintenance programme and assisting the QECP to monitor the ECM effectiveness throughout the various stages of construction.

2 The ECMOs play a critical role in establishing effective ECM at the construction sites to prevent silty water from affecting our waterways and reservoirs. We recognise the importance of ECMOs in ensuring the proper implementation of ECM at the construction sites and award the Exemplary ECM Award to the deserving ECMOs annually.

3 We have however, received negative feedback recently on unsatisfactory performances of ECMOs in ensuring the proper implementation of ECM at their construction sites, leading to incidents of silty discharges into the waterways.

4 The ECM Registry takes a serious view of ECMOs with unsatisfactory performances. If ECMOs are found to have poor performance in carrying out their role to establish effective ECM at their construction sites, the ECM Registry would not hesitate to suspend or cancel their certificate of registration.

5 We wish to remind all ECMOs to ensure best ECM practices are always enforced at the construction sites and to take a more pro-active role in the overall national efforts of keeping our waterways and reservoirs clean and beautiful for all to enjoy.

Thank you.

Best regards, ECM Registry