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Attn : Mr. TAN Chin-hor

Dear Mr. Tan

## Proposed Amendment to the Code of Practice of the Land Survey Ordinance

We refer the proposed amendments to the Code of Practice (COP) of the Land Survey Ordinance (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition) and would like to offer our comments as follows:

### On the Specifications of Survey Reports (Appendix C to COP)

- (a) The form of the report does not need to be too rigid. Some freedom should be given for individual ALS to design his own form or to vary the style of the report according to the complexity of the survey. The word "parts" in the opening sentence should therefore be replaced by "elements".
- (b) The report is to supplement the SRP, particularly on the rationale aspect. Information that would be readily obtainable from the SRP, such as the control data, need not be repeated in the report.
- (c) While the inclusion of documentary references is agreed, the copying of all the documents for attachment to the report may be excessive. Such copying, e.g. aerial photographs, boundary correlation in the form of overlays, would be time consuming and costly. As long as documents are properly referenced and traceable, inclusion of copies of them should be relaxed.

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On the main content of COP

- (d) Re. paragraph 10(a). The measuring to at least two witness marks may involve an unwarranted effort but to serve little purpose. A trig station must be the only survey monument in the area. No misidentification should have taken place. Being structurally stable it should be accepted as correct in position. Directional observation to 3 adjacent trig stations will constitute sufficient redundant measurements for proving the orientation.
- (e) Re: paragraph 45. Suggest to reword the sub-paragraph(1)(b) to read:  
"the SRP alone can allow a reader to be confident in that consistency has been achieved."

And to reword the sub-paragraph (2) to read:

"to comprehensively convey what constitutes and marks the boundary although it is accepted that SRP alone may not reveal why a boundary is so defined or how decision has been made."

The Institute on the one hand understands that there is a need to strengthen the standard of the submitted plans and reports, on the other hand consider that a stringent COP will be unproductive to the system. To improve the system, it is more important to address the attitude in preparing the plans and reports by ALS, and the attitude in handling the same by the Land Survey Authority. An ALS, being a professional responsible for his own work should expect his submission to be handled by a counterpart professional in the LSA.

The Institute welcomes any further discussion on the review of COP and other related issues with the LSA. Should you require further information, please contact our Secretary General, Mr. Gordon Ng at 2526 3679.

Yours sincerely

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