



# Circular 28

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## Sorry for the missed issue

Apologies for missing the September issue of the Circular which was due to heavy commitment of the Secretariat in other matters. Sorry.....

## Next monthly meeting

As usual, the monthly meeting for October will be held on Wednesday, 13 October 1999 at 7:00 p.m. at W502, EOSS, Polytechnic University. Attendance of EC members are compulsory and all other members are welcome.

## Enquiry on non-payment of verified report

The Society has written to OSHC to enquire about the long delay in payment of audits which have been verified to be satisfactory. The reason given by them in their reply on 29 Sept 1999 is: quote

*"There are formal procedure that must be followed before the auditors are paid for their job. After the audit report is verified, the actual auditing hours of the auditors spent on site for the audit should be confirmed by the project engineer/architect before invoice will be issued to the HD/WB for payment. HD/WB will check against that audit work has been done before the payment is forwarded to us for issuing payment to the auditor. Hope you understand that the payment is not normal type "Delivery on Payment". Those long outstanding ones were old cases that mainly due to the discrepancies in the verification of auditing ours. The Council HD and WB will continue to work closely to streamline, simplify and speed up the process of payment.*

*Concerning the payment of verified audit report you mentioned, we are pleased to inform you that the Council has received a payment of about HK\$3 millions for 69 verified audit reports recently. Arrangement of payment to the corresponding auditors is in progress and it is expected to be sent out next week. We assure you that the payment will be handled once it is available"*

unquote

## Adjustment of audit fee by WB

The Works Bureau has indicated in a number of occasions that the audit fee is relatively high and adjustments will be when the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase is implemented. They have indicated a figure which is about 20% lower than the existing rate for WB audits. A survey was made among the Member ASA's. 10 indicated no objection to the proposal and 11 objected. The results have been passed to WB for information.

## Introduction of ceiling for levy

The subject was brought up in two recent monthly meetings and diversified opinion were voiced by members. Since this change, if introduced, would need an amendment of the A&M, it was considered that an opinion survey should be carried out among members before a decision is made.

All Members are requested to furnish their opinion to the Society by completing the reply slip and returning by FAX to 27861767 before 9 October 1999.

Your opinion is important and your co-operation is appreciated.

To SASA, FAX:27861767

My opinion to the introduction of levy ceiling by ASA are as follows:

- There should be no change to the existing system and each ASA need to contribute 1% of WB/HD audits to the Society for all audits made Yes/No \*

If your answer is "NO", please complete the following:

- A ceiling should be introduced to avoid excessive payment of levy by any individual ASA members Yes/No \*
- The annual ceiling should be set at HK\$3,000 / 5,000 / 10,000 \*
- Do away with levy and increase the annual subscription of ASA members Yes/No \*

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Member No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Date : \_\_\_\_\_