

## *Press Release*

### ***For Immediate Release***

### **Hong Leong Group well prepared for upcoming haze**

**Singapore, 25 June 2014** – Hong Leong Group Singapore member companies and their subsidiaries are well prepared for the upcoming haze. They remain diligent in ensuring the health and safety of staff, especially those who are required to work outdoors, pregnant women, elderly staff members, customers, and other stakeholders. The implementation of each haze action plan – to continue business continuity and to safeguard the health of its staff - will depend on the severity of official 24-Hour PSI Readings.

Below are the contingency plans that the Hong Leong companies and their subsidiaries have implemented.

**Millennium & Copthorne Hotels (M&C)** which have five hotels here, have taken a coordinated approach to protect staff and guests from the effects of the haze. Close to 3,500 'N95' masks are being distributed to staff at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Orchard Hotel, Copthorne King's Hotel, M Hotel and Studio M. We are stocking our lobby shops with the masks for guests, and continue to update them of the hourly PSI readings via notice boards in the hotel lobbies. The haze has not disrupted business at our hotels.

At **The St. Regis Singapore**, a set of Standard of Procedures has been developed for the safety of guests and employees. The hotel ensures that there are sufficient disposable N95 masks for guests and staff. Respirator test fittings are also conducted for employees who need to work outdoors. At **W Singapore – Sentosa Cove**, outdoor activities will be suspended if the PSI reaches hazardous levels of above 350. There are also in-house doctors on standby in case of guests with breathing or medical conditions.

Hong Leong's developers such as **City Developments Limited (CDL)**, **Hong Leong Holdings** and other property companies, are monitoring the situation closely and conducting risk assessments, with a view of implementing the necessary Environmental, Health and Safety measures to protect the welfare of their workers at the worksite. For example, CDL has established high buildability targets across all development projects and extensively uses pre-fabricated elements, which allows off-site work to be carried out if necessary, under factory-controlled conditions.

For the Group's construction sites, each contractor has their own in-house haze management plans to protect their employees against the haze effects at workplaces.

**Hong Leong Asia's Building Materials Group (BMG)** with operations in Sungei Kadut and Tuas, is encouraging workers to drink more water and seek medical treatment if they feel unwell. Outdoor work will also be minimized if the haze reaches hazardous levels. BMG produces ready mixed concrete and is also the largest producer of precast concrete for housing here in Singapore.

Meanwhile, **Hong Leong Finance** has provided staff with masks and advised those with respiratory problems to seek medical attention. Air purifiers are also deployed at all 28 branches for use to ensure customers' health safety.

In line with the Ministry of Manpower and National Environment Agency guidelines, the Hong Leong companies have also put in place health procedures where work is reduced and even stopped, depending on the haze levels.

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