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CODE OF PRACTICE ON SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE (SIXTH EDITION – DEC 2011)

The fifth edition of the Code of Practice (issued in March 2000 with addendum in September 2006), provides for an effective and adequate drainage system to manage flood risks in Singapore. PUB's key flood management strategies involve the provision of adequate drainage infrastructure and capacity ahead of new developments, continually improving

drainage in flood-prone areas and raising road and building levels for flood protection. These strategies have effectively reduced flood prone areas from about 3,000 ha in the 1970s to 51 ha today. Floods experienced today are largely localised and short-lived, mostly subsiding within an hour.

- In view of the greater uncertainties in weather patterns, PUB has conducted a review of the drainage design requirements for flood control. An Inter-Agency Drainage Review Committee, comprising members from PUB and various government agencies, was formed in August 2010 for the review. Professional Bodies (Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA), Association of Consulting Engineers Singapore (ACES), The Institution of Engineers, Singapore (IES)) and public were also consulted on the proposed amendments to the Code of Practice.
- We are pleased to inform you that the Sixth Edition of the Code of Practice on Surface Water Drainage will be published on our PUB website at http://www.pub.gov.sg/general/code/Pages/default.aspx wef 1 Dec 2011.

Yours faithfully,

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