## Supplementary Notice of the Guangzhou Municipal Housing and Urban-Rural Development Bureau on the Joint Completion Acceptance Work Plan (4.0) for Building and Municipal Infrastructure Engineering Projects in Guangzhou

To all parties concerned:

In order to further advance reform of the construction project review and approval system in Guangzhou, based on *the Requirements of the Implementing Opinions of the General Office of the State Council on the Reform of the Examination and Approval System for Engineering Construction Projects in an All-round Way* (Guo Ban Fa [2019] No. 11) and the Notice of the Guangzhou Municipal People's Government on the Issuance of the *Implementation Plan for Further Reform in the Review and Approval Policies for Construction Projects in Guangzhou* (Sui Fu Han [2019] No. 194), under the guidance of the Office of the Leading Group for the Pilot Reform of the Construction Project Review and Approval System in Guangzhou and in conjunction with the implementation of the *Joint Completion Acceptance Work Plan (4.0) for Building and Municipal Infrastructure Engineering Projects in Guangzhou* (hereinafter referred to as the "Joint Acceptance Plan 4.0"), the Guangzhou Housing and Urban-Rural Development Bureau has made amendments to some items relating to the joint completion acceptance of building and municipal infrastructure engineering projects. Relevant matters are hereby notified as follows:

1. Further Improvements to the Integrated Joint Supervision Mechanism and Optimization of the Joint Project Completion Acceptance Procedures

Comprehensive implementation of the requirements of the Work Plan on Integrated Joint Supervision of the Quality, Safety, Fire Protection, and Civil Air Defense Matters of Construction Projects (Sui Jian Ren [2020] No. 223). Construction quality oversight agencies will carry out joint supervisory inspections with regards to fire protection and civil air defense, as well as carry out inspections on termite protection with termite protection oversight authorities, based on the requirements of graded quality risk management for construction projects. After completion of a project, the Construction Quality Supervision Appraisal (see Annex 1) issued by the construction quality oversight agency should include supervision appraisals on fire protection and civil air defense. Municipal administrative departments for construction shall commence relevant completion acceptance approval procedures based on the documents uploaded by the project developer and the construction quality supervision appraisal, and issue a combined appraisal. Individual acceptance (filing) documentation for fire protection and civil air defense will no longer be issued.

Synchronous streamlining of the *Guide to Joint Completion Acceptance for Building and Municipal Infrastructure Engineering Projects in Guangzhou* (4.0) (see Annex 3) and improvements to the Joint Acceptance System. In principle, information that can be obtained through relevant information systems or documentation that has been uploaded by the company through relevant supervision systems will be shared between systems and not required to be re-uploaded.

2. Improvements to the Joint Completion Acceptance Opinion Template

All housing and urban-rural authorities in Guangzhou shall use the amended *Joint Completion Acceptance Opinion* template (see Annex 2). Businesses may retrieve relevant

information on joint completion acceptance by scanning the QR code on the *Joint Completion Acceptance Opinion* or directly downloading the information from the Joint Acceptance System.

3. Other Supplementary Matters

3.1. Past construction projects that were issued with construction permits by municipal housing and urban-rural development authorities and subject to quality and safety oversight by local district housing and urban-rural development authorities. Joint completion acceptance applications will be accepted by the local district housing and urban-rural development authority as the leading department. The authority will issue the *Joint Completion Acceptance Opinion*.

3.2. Projects that have been completed before the implementation of the joint completion acceptance system in Guangzhou (October 15, 2018). If all relevant documents are in order, the project developer may opt for either joint completion acceptance or completion acceptance filing.

3.3. Past construction projects where acceptance is difficult based on the prevailing system due to discrepancies between the current system and relevant laws, regulations, norms and standards on acceptance of construction quality, fire protection, and civil air defense during the construction period. Based on the principles of adhering to historical guidelines and ensuring safe usage, housing and urban-rural development authorities at various levels may organize special reviews by relevant parties to resolve such matters per the relevant laws, regulations, norms and standards in force during the construction period.

4. Date of implementation

The relevant amendments in this Notice shall take effect from July 1, 2021.

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