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**To All  
Architects  
Architectural Consultancy Practices**

## **THE ARCHITECT AND THE ROLE OF PRINCIPAL CONSTRUCTION WORK DESIGNER (PCWD)**

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The above matter refers.

2. The Board wishes to advise on the role of Principal Construction Work Designer (PCWD) under the latest Occupational Safety and Health (Construction Works) (Design and Management) Regulation 2024 is outside the scope of architectural consultancy services, and not under the purview of the architect as architects are not specifically trained for it.

3. The Board has been made aware that this latest regulation has caused considerable confusion and many of our members have been requested by their clients to take on the role of PCWD. Hence, the Board's official position is as follows:

- i. We would advise our members not to take on the PCWD as part of your architectural consultancy services as this is outside the Architect's purview. Instead, the clients should engage a qualified and competent professional.
- ii. If any of our members possess the necessary qualifications and experience and wish to assume the PCWD role, they may do so SEPARATELY, provided a formal agreement on additional fees is established to cover the extra responsibilities and liabilities.

4. Please refer to The Sample Form of Appointment as PCWD for Fees and Expenses under Annex 7, Schedule 2 of the Department of Occupational Safety & Health Malaysia (DOSH) Guidance Notes for Principal Designer. Please note that this responsibility falls entirely outside the purview of the Board.

5. We hope this clarification is helpful. The Board will continue to engage with DOSH on this matter to seek further clarification. Please feel free to reach out if you require further assistance.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

By Order of the Board of Architects Malaysia,

**(Ar. HANI YULIANTI BINTI MOHD LASA)**  
Registrar