

MEDIA RELEASE

For Immediate Release

PROJECTED CONSTRUCTION DEMAND FOR 2020 REVISED TO \$18 – \$23 BILLION, BUT EXPECTED TO RECOVER TO SOME EXTENT FROM 2021

Singapore, 17 Sep 2020 – BCA has revised its projected construction demand for 2020 from the earlier forecast of \$28 billion - \$33 billion released in January 2020 to \$18 billion - \$23 billion. This comes after BCA's mid-year review of construction contracts awarded in 1H2020, and upcoming public and private sector projects expected for the rest of the year.

2 The downward revision is due to a drop in private sector construction demand, and postponements in the award of some public sector projects from 2020 to 2021, as contractors and suppliers have asked for more time to assess the impact of COVID-19 on resource management and project implementation timelines.

Year	Construction demand (Value of contracts awarded, in S\$billion)		
	Public	Private	Total
2019	19.03	14.5	33.52
2020 (forecast)	11 - 14	7 - 9	18 - 23

3 Construction demand is expected to recover to some extent from 2021. This will be supported by public residential developments and upgrading works, developments at the Jurong Lake District, construction of new healthcare facilities and various infrastructure projects such as the construction of the Cross Island MRT Line. It is important that the construction industry remains vigilant to prevent a resurgence of

COVID-19 cases, which could bring the sector to a halt again. BCA will provide an update on the projected construction demand for 2021 and 2022 in early 2021.

4 BCA will continue to lean forward to provide assistance to the construction industry in various ways, including financial assistance to help our firms tide through this very challenging period brought about by COVID-19.

Issued by the Building and Construction Authority on 17 September 2020

About Building and Construction Authority (BCA)

The Building and Construction Authority (BCA) champions the development and transformation of the built environment sector, in order to improve Singapore's living environment. BCA oversees areas such as safety, quality, inclusiveness, sustainability and productivity, all of which, together with our stakeholders and industry partners, help to achieve our mission to transform the Built Environment sector and shape a liveable and smart built environment for Singapore. For more information, visit www1.bca.gov.sg.