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Dear Sir/Madam

CONSTRUCTION RESTART BOOSTER TO SUPPORT FIRMS AND WORKERS FOR SECTOR RESTART

The \$1.36 billion Construction Support Package was earlier announced on 27 June 2020. One component of the Construction Support Package is the \$525 million Construction Restart Booster which aims to help construction firms defray costs in procuring additional material/equipment to comply with COVID-Safe Worksite requirements to ensure works resume safely.

2 The Construction Restart Booster comprises two separate components: (i) COVID-Safe firm-based support, and (ii) COVID-Safe project-based support. Details of these components are as follows.

COVID-Safe firm-based support

3 The COVID-Safe firm-based support helps with the additional costs incurred by firms to comply with COVID-safe requirements such as provision of PPEs and masks for workers, and individually packed meals. To help with workforce-based measures required of firms, the Government will help offset part of these costs by providing \$400 per construction worker employed (i.e. Work Permit Holders (WPHs) and S-Pass holders) per firm. All firms employing construction workers will receive this one-off support.

4 The support will be credited* directly to eligible firms through GIRO. To receive the support by 30 September 2020, firms should:

- **have a valid bank account registered with Vendors@Gov by 20 September 2020 respectively (no other application is necessary).**

**Firms which have registered by 20 July 2020 or 20 August 2020 would have received the support by 31 July 2020 or 31 August respectively.*

COVID-Safe project-based support

5 The COVID-Safe project-based support provides for additional costs related to ensuring project sites comply with COVID-Safe requirements including safe distancing measures (e.g. demarcation of work zones, barricades). This project-level support will be given to main contractors

who are responsible for implementing these measures for their projects, and support levels will be based on the project contract value as follows:

Project Contract Value	Support amount
\$100,000 and above	1.5% of the project contract value, capped at \$150,000 maximum support per project
Below \$100,000	\$1,000

6 Main contractors with *ongoing* construction projects¹ (as of 27 Jun 2020) are eligible for this one-off support. These projects include both restarted projects and projects pending restart. Similarly, the support will be credited** directly to eligible firms through GIRO. To receive the support by 30 September 2020 or 31 October 2020, firms should:

- **apply for the support via FormSG (refer to Annex A for instructions) by 7 September 2020 or 7 October 2020 respectively.**
- **have a valid bank account registered with Vendors@Gov by 20 September 2020 or 20 October 2020 respectively.**

***Firms which have applied by 7 August 2020 and registered a valid bank account at Vendors@Gov by 20 August 2020 would have received the support by 31 August 2020, if the applications are approved.*

Registering with Vendors@Gov

7 Firms that do not have a bank account registered with Vendors@Gov can do so at <http://www.vendors.gov.sg>. **A login user guide can be found [here](#).** Please note that firms require a CorpPass to register with Vendors@Gov. Details on CorpPass can be found at <http://www.corppass.gov.sg>.

Details of the Construction Restart Booster

8 More information on the support components under the Construction Restart Booster can be found in **Annex A** and the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) [here](#).

Yours faithfully,

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¹ Ongoing construction project refers to one with valid Project Reference Number and Permit to Commence Work from BCA; and have yet to obtain full Temporary Occupation Permit (TOP) or Certificate of Statutory Completion (CSC).

ANNEX A: FACTSHEET ON CONSTRUCTION RESTART BOOSTER

The Construction Restart Booster helps contractors defray costs in procuring additional material/equipment to comply with COVID-Safe Worksite requirements. Details of the (i) COVID-Safe firm-based support, and (ii) COVID-Safe project-based support are shown in the table below.

S/N	Name of Scheme	Description of Support
1	COVID-Safe firm-based support	Co-shares the additional costs incurred by firms to comply with COVID-safe requirements such as provision of PPEs and masks for workers, and individually packed meals. <u>About the Support</u> • The Government will help offset part of the workforce-based COVID Safety costs by providing \$400 per construction worker employed (i.e. Work Permit Holders (WPHs) and S-Pass holders) per firm. • Disbursed by 30 September 2020. Firms which have registered by 20 July 2020 or 20 August 2020 would have received the support by 31 July 2020 or 31 August respectively. Support is applicable regardless of whether firms have restarted their projects or are pending restart. <u>Qualifying Criteria</u> • All firms employing construction workers as at 27 Jun 2020 are eligible. <u>How to Apply</u> • No application required. • Support will be credited through GIRO to firm's bank account (registered with Vendors@Gov). • To receive the support by 30 September 2020, your firm should have a bank account registered with Vendors@Gov by 20 September 2020.
2	COVID-Safe project-based support	Provides support for additional costs related to ensuring project sites comply with COVID-Safe requirements including safe distancing measures (e.g. demarcation of work zones, barricades). This support will be given to main contractors who are responsible for implementing these measures for their projects. <u>About the support</u> • The support levels will be based on the project contract value as follows:

Project Contract Value	Support amount
\$100,000 and above	1.5% of the project contract value, capped at \$150,000 maximum support per project
Below \$100,000	\$1,000

- Receive support by 30 September 2020 or 31 October 2020. Firms which have applied by 7 August 2020 and registered a valid bank account at Vendors@Gov by 20 August 2020 would have received the support by 31 August 2020, if the applications are approved.
- Support is applicable regardless of whether firms have restarted their projects or are pending restart.

Qualifying Criteria

- Applies to main contractors with ongoing construction projects (as of 27 June 2020).
- Construction projects should have valid project reference numbers and permits to commence work from BCA, and have yet to obtain Temporary Occupation Permit (TOP) or Certificate of Statutory Completion (CSC).

How to Apply

- Main contractors must apply through <https://go.gov.sg/construction-restart-booster> by 7 September 2020 or 7 October 2020.



- To apply, firms should provide the following:
 - a) List of ongoing main contract construction projects as at 27 June 2020.
 - b) Project details (e.g. project reference number, permit number for “Permit to Commence Work”, project title, tender number, tender award value, project commencement and completion dates, whether project has obtained Temporary Occupation Permit (TOP) or Certificate of Statutory Completion (CSC))
 - c) Supporting documents indicating the project contract value (e.g. Letter of Award from client)
 - d) Contact information of Managing Director / Chief Executive Officer
 - e) Contact information of respondent
- Support will be credited through GIRO to firms’ bank account (registered with Vendors@Gov).

	- To receive the support by 30 September 2020, your firm should have a bank account registered with Vendors@Gov by 20 September 2020. - If your firm is unable to register a bank account with Vendors@Gov by 20 September 2020, you must do so latest by 20 October 2020 to receive the support (which will be credited by 31 October 2020).
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The key features of the support package are summarised below:

	Firm-based Support	Project-based Support
Eligibility	All firms employing construction workers (includes main and sub-contractors)	Main contractors with ongoing construction projects
Support amount	\$400 per construction worker (WPHs and S-Pass holders)	<u>Project contract value of \$100,000 and above</u> 1.5% of contract value, capped at \$150,000 maximum support per project <u>Project contract value < \$100,000</u> \$1,000
How to apply	No application required	Through FormSG (link below) by 7 September 2020 or 7 October 2020. https://go.gov.sg/construction-restart-booster 
Disbursement mode	GIRO (to bank account under Vendors@Gov)	
Payment date	30 September 2020 Bank accounts registered by 20 September 2020 will receive the support by 30 September 2020. <i>Firms which have bank accounts registered by 20 July 2020 or 20 August 2020 would have received the support by 31 July 2020 or 31 August respectively.</i>	30 September 2020 or 31 October 2020 - Bank accounts registered by 20 September 2020 will receive the support by 30 September 2020. - Bank accounts registered by 20 October 2020 will receive the support by 31 October 2020. <i>Firms which have applied by 7 August 2020 and registered a valid bank account at Vendors@Gov by 20 August 2020 would have received the support by 31 August 2020, if the applications are approved.</i>