

To: All Licensed Gas Service Workers

Dear Sirs

## **GAS ACT AND GAS (SUPPLY) REGULATIONS**

We are pleased to inform you that the Gas Act (Cap. 116A) (“the Act”) and the Gas (Supply) Regulations 2008 (“the Regulations”) have come into operation on 14 February 2008. The Act creates a competitive framework for the piped gas industry for natural gas and town gas, and makes provision for the safety, technical and economic regulation of the transportation and retail of gas. The Regulations regulate the safety in the supply to and use of piped gas supply by consumers, and the licensed gas service worker scheme.

2 The Act and the Regulations have replaced all provisions with regard to the piped gas industry in the Public Utilities Act (Cap. 261 1996 Ed) and the Public Utilities (Gas Supply) Regulations 1997 respectively.

### **Work on Gas Appliances**

3 Under the Act and the Regulations, the installation, testing, maintenance and repair of gas appliances, such as gas cookers, gas burners, gas water heaters, etc connected to the gas pipeline systems will have to be carried out by a licensed gas service worker (LGSW). The LGSW will also be required to issue a written statement to certify that the gas appliance is safe for use after installing, maintaining or repairing it. Any work carried out on any gas installation including any design, construction, installation, commissioning, erection, testing, repair, addition, alteration or maintenance work shall continue to be carried out by a professional engineer in the mechanical engineering discipline registered with the Professional Engineers Board or a LGSW.

4 Existing gas service workers holding a valid licence issued under the Public Utilities Act (Cap. 261 1996 Ed) shall be deemed to be a LGSW under the Gas Act.

### **Gas Service Worker Licence (Restricted)**

5 A new category of gas service worker licence (restricted) is introduced to permit the holder to carry out the following restricted gas service work where the operating pressure is not more than 30 mbars: -

- (i) to install, test, maintain and repair any gas appliances; and
- (ii) to install or remove gas meters, or to turn on gas supply on behalf of a gas licensee.

## **Periodic Inspection of Gas Installations**

6 The gas transporter, PowerGas Ltd is required under the Gas Act to establish and implement a programme for regular and periodic inspections of gas installations connected to the gas pipeline systems.

7 The responsible person (e.g. owner of premises, management corporation, etc.) for a gas installation in a non-residential premises or gas risers or gas distribution piping within a multi-storey premises is required to engage a professional engineer in the mechanical engineering discipline or a LGSW (only for gas fittings operating at pressure of not more than 30 mbars and does not involve a gas booster system, gas leakage detection system, welded steel pipe joints or specialised gas equipment not used for cooking purposes) to carry out inspection of the gas installations when notified by PowerGas Ltd.

8 For gas installations within individual residential premises, PowerGas Ltd will continue to carry out periodic inspections of the gas installations.

## **LGSW To Comply With the Act and Regulations**

9 LGSW shall comply with the Act and the Regulations in carrying out any gas service work. The Act and the Regulations can be purchased from SNP Corporation Ltd located at 1 Kim Seng Promenade #18-01 Great World City East Tower, Singapore 237994. The Act is also available at the website of the Attorney General's Chambers at <http://statutes.agc.gov.sg>.

10 If you need clarification, please email [EMA\\_RD\\_ELISE@ema.gov.sg](mailto:EMA_RD_ELISE@ema.gov.sg) or contact our officers at telephone numbers 68358142 or 68358106.

Yours faithfully

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