

Disciplinary action against registered lift contractor

The Lifts and Escalators Ordinance Disciplinary Board has completed hearings for a charge of disciplinary offence brought against Chevalier (HK) Limited, and decided that the charge is established and the company should be disciplined.

As the registered lift contractor responsible for the maintenance of a lift at Sea Crest Terrace, 19 Mui Wo Ferry Pier Road, Lantau, Chevalier was charged under the Lifts and Escalators Ordinance for failing to ensure that the maintenance works for the lift was carried out properly, thus committing misconduct or neglect in a professional respect. The Board ordered Chevalier be fined \$20,000 and pay the expenses incurred in the proceedings of around \$47,000. The Board's decision and order were published in the Gazette today (September 8). Details are available on the website (www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/pdf/20232736/egn202327365409.pdf).

On January 27, 2021, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) found in an inspection that the buffer of the lift was damaged and ineffective. A warning letter was then issued to Chevalier for the irregularity. As a result of Chevalier's unsatisfactory performance in maintaining the lift, the Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services, pursuant to Section 109(1) of the Ordinance, referred the disciplinary offence concerned to the Board for disciplinary proceedings.

A spokesman for the EMSD reiterated that registered lift contractors should ensure that lift maintenance works are properly carried out. The EMSD will continue to strictly enforce the Ordinance to safeguard public safety.