

## Government's response to temporary stay granted by Court about decision to remove Aggressive Construction Company Limited from register

In response to the grant by the Court of First Instance of the High Court today (June 18) of an interim-interim stay of execution of the Building Authority's (BA) decision to remove the Aggressive Construction Company Limited (ACCL) from the register of general building contractors, the Development Bureau (DEVB) said that to consider further steps, the Buildings Department (BD), in its capacity as the BA, would study the written judgment to be handed down by the Court shortly together with its legal team. Meanwhile, the BD will prepare for the appeal hearing with full effort.

The BA refused the registration renewal application of ACCL on May 22, 2025 and decided to remove its name from the register of general building contractors on June 20. ACCL has appealed against the decision and applied for a stay of execution of the decision. The Court of First Instance of the High Court today granted an interim-interim stay of execution of the decision. The hearing of the appeal and application for stay of execution is tentatively scheduled for August 26 and 27.

The spokesman for the DEVB said, "As the Court has granted an interim-interim stay of execution of the decision, ACCL will not be removed from the register of general building contractors on June 20. During the period pending further hearings, if there are still construction activities on the project sites undertaken by ACCL, the project owners concerned will act in accordance with the contracts and continue to monitor the construction sites and the performance of the contractor. If the contractor's performance fails to meet the contractual requirements, the project owners will handle the matter in accordance with the contract and reserve the right to take follow-up actions. The BD and project owners will also step up monitoring and surprise inspections to safeguard site safety. In fact, since the performance of ACCL in respect of the public works project of the Chai Wan Government Complex was far below the contractual requirements, the Government as the project owner has terminated the contract in accordance with the contractual mechanism and taken over the construction site on June 15. The Government will endeavour to arrange in the near term for a new contractor to take over and finish the remaining works."