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RESPONSIBILITY & SCOPE

- It is the responsibility of the main contractor to take adequate fire safety measures during the construction of the tower.
- Application for COC III must be made once the building height reaches 24 metres but before the building height exceeds 30 metres.
- The main contractor must develop and regularly update a construction fire safety plan.
- This guidance note does not change any existing regulatory requirements placed on consultants or contractors



TANK, PUMP AND WET RISER

- Provide a sufficient supply of water to ensure that the wet riser system can deliver water for a minimum of 45 minutes.
- Install a pump with discharge capacity of a minimum 350 GPM and ensure backup is available in the event of power failure.
- Provide a charged wet riser with a minimum diameter of 100mm reaching top of the building.



LANDING VALVES, HOSE REELS & PRESSURE

- Provide landing valves of 75 mm diameter on all floors.
- Valves should be easily accessible and convenient to operate.
- Hose reels of approved quality 30 metres long must be provided for fire department use.
- Ensure that minimum pressure of 6.9 Bar is achieved at any point in the building.
- Use pressure regulating valves to achieve pressures in accordance with fire department requirements.



FIRE DOORS / SHAFT

- Provide a fire rated stair core to facilitate emergency escape and fire department access.
- Fire doors should be able to provide a minimum of 30 minutes fire and smoke protection.
- All openings in the staircase should be fire stopped using fire retardant material.
- Complete fire stopping on service penetrations as soon as it is practical to do so.
- Emergency lighting must be installed with backup.



FIRE EXTINGUISHERS / FIRE MARSHALS

- Install adequate fire extinguishers approved by Civil Defence.
- Travel distance to the nearest fire extinguisher should be between 9.15 m and 15.25 m.
- Appoint adequate numbers of Fire Marshals at the site (trained through Trakhees' approved third party).
- An alarm system must be provided to ensure that a warning can be given in the event of an emergency.
- Alarm must be audible throughout the tower with an adequate number of sounders provided.



APPROVAL FROM INSPECTION DEPT. (TRAKHEES)

- After necessary safety measures, get necessary approval from Trakhees for complying COC III.
- A letter or report of conformity will be issued by Trakhees after satisfactory compliance.
- The main contractor is responsible for maintaining compliance with Civil Defence and Trakhees requirements until the tower is handed over to the owner.