

## **News Release**

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### **CDL SPEARHEADS WORKPLACE SAFETY AND HEALTH (WSH) EXCELLENCE PLEDGE WITH KEY PARTNERS IN SUPPLY CHAIN**

- *First developer to galvanise key partners in its supply chain to support the Construction Industry WSH Action Plans*
- *In line with the national WSH 2018 Plus plan*
- *Witnessed by Minister of State for Manpower, Mr Sam Tan, at the annual CDL 5-Star Environmental, Health and Safety Awards*

In support of the national Workplace Safety and Health (WSH) 2018 Plus plan, City Developments Limited (CDL) has spearheaded a WSH excellence pledge with key partners in its supply chain. Witnessed by Minister of State for Manpower, Mr Sam Tan, at the annual CDL 5-Star Environmental, Health and Safety (EHS) Awards held today at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Singapore, CDL and 24 of its key builders and consultants signed the 'Pledge Towards Vision Zero Through Safe Design – Safe Practices – Safe Culture', committing their collective support for the Construction Industry WSH Action Plans.

The pledge marks the first time that a developer in Singapore has galvanised key partners in its supply chain to support the Action Plans, which entail a recommitment to reduce workplace fatalities by 25% annually to 1.8 per 100,000 workers by 2018. It is also in line with the WSH 2018 Plus plan and the Vision Zero movement – which aims to instill a mindset that all injuries and ill-health at work can be prevented and that zero harm is possible.

Mr Chia Ngiang Hong, CDL Group General Manager, said, "As a developer, CDL recognises that we are in a position to bring our key partners including builders, architects, engineers, and workers on board in adopting EHS best practices. This is the third pledge that CDL has spearheaded to rally our key partners for EHS excellence. In 2010, we initiated the 'Pledge for Zero' Commitment Charter for zero accidents, zero injuries and zero environmental pollution for our builders and consultants. In 2014, our builders signed a pledge of commitment to uphold workers' well-being, safety and health. Moving forward, we will continue to ensure that good systems and practices are in place to create a better, safer and healthier workplace."

For more than two decades, CDL has driven EHS excellence at its worksites and across its supply chain. In 2001, CDL pioneered its 5-Star EHS Assessment System under which all its builders must undergo quarterly EHS inspections and audits by an independent auditor who grades them on a scale of one to five stars in areas such as energy, water, waste management, safety, noise and public health management. In 2005, the CDL 5-Star EHS Awards was launched to recognise exemplary builders and workers for their excellence in enhancing workplace standards for safety, health and well-being.

CDL has also introduced various innovative technology and construction methods since the early 2000s to enhance safety and productivity. For instance, CDL was an early adopter of prefabricated bathroom units, which significantly reduces manpower required onsite as the components are manufactured in factories.

More recently, CDL pioneered the advanced concrete Prefabricated Prefinished Volumetric Construction (PPVC) method for a large-scale residential development in 2015. In applying PPVC for The Brownstone Executive Condominium at Canberra Drive, building modules are prefinished and prefabricated offsite before being transported and installed onsite. This greatly enhances worksite safety and cleanliness as fewer workers are required onsite and construction waste is reduced.

In 2015, the Accident Frequency Rate for CDL's construction sites was 0.24 accidents per million man-hours worked, significantly lower than the industry-average of 1.7. A Workplace Injury Rate of 74 per 100,000 persons employed was also recorded, well below the industry-average of 451 per 100,000 persons. These were made possible by the collective efforts by CDL and its builders and workers.

For their outstanding EHS efforts, a total of four builders and six workers were recognised at today's CDL 5-Star EHS Awards ceremony. The winners received their awards from Minister Tan who also gave out the prizes to the champion and first runner-up teams for the CDL EHS Cup Tournament, an annual soccer league which promotes a healthy lifestyle and camaraderie among workers.

For more information, please refer to:

**Annex 1:** About CDL 5-Star EHS Assessment System and Awards

**Annex 2:** Winners of CDL 5-Star EHS Awards

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## **Annex 1: About CDL 5-Star EHS Assessment System and Awards**

Pioneered in 2001, the CDL 5-Star EHS Assessment System is an independent audit tool to assess, measure and improve builders' EHS management and performance. CDL was the first private developer to proactively structure a comprehensive, audited and appraised approach towards EHS involving all its builders.

Each quarter, all CDL builders undergo EHS inspections and audits conducted by an independent EHS audit firm recognised by Ministry of Manpower. They are appraised on a scale of one to five stars, and the results are presented to their top management during quarterly CDL 5-Star EHS Seminars. These seminars are a platform to promote the sharing of best practices and peer learning to encourage better EHS performance amongst CDL's builders.

In 2005, the CDL 5-Star EHS Awards was introduced to motivate builders and consultants to work together to improve EHS results for environmentally-friendly, healthy and accident-free CDL worksites.

The Assessment System and Awards have been instrumental in influencing CDL's builders and consultants to monitor and improve their EHS performance.

### **The CDL 5-Star EHS Awards**

#### **1. CDL EHS Excellence Award (Introduced in 2005)**

This Award recognises builders who have excelled in the CDL 5-Star EHS Assessment System over a one-year period.

#### **2. CDL Productivity Excellence Award (Introduced in 2011)**

To synergise with Singapore's national productivity drive, this Award recognises the efforts of CDL's builders who have made a concerted effort to drive productivity through the adoption of technology, innovative methods of construction, efficient designs etc.

The Award is accorded to eligible builders whose projects have been completed at the time of assessment.

#### **3. CDL Workers' Welfare Award (Introduced in 2012)**

This Award honours builders who have devoted excellent effort to ensure workers' welfare, including caring for their health, safety, living conditions and well-being.

#### **4. CDL Safe Worker Award (Introduced in 2014)**

This Award was launched to honour workers across CDL's worksites who have demonstrated exemplary safety awareness and knowledge.

**Annex 2: Winners of CDL 5-Star EHS Awards 2016**

	<b>Winner(s)</b>	<b>Project</b>
<b>CDL EHS Excellence Award</b>	Dragages Singapore Pte Ltd	Jewel @ Buangkok
	Hyundai Engineering & Construction Co. Ltd	Gramercy Park
	Teambuild Engineering & Construction Pte. Ltd	The Brownstone
<b>CDL Productivity Excellence Award</b>	Teambuild Engineering & Construction Pte. Ltd	The Brownstone
<b>CDL Workers' Welfare Award</b>	Dragages Singapore Pte Ltd	The Venue Residences and Shoppes
	Nakano Singapore Pte Ltd	The Criterion
<b>CDL Safe Worker Award</b>	Mr Islam Aminul (Daewoo Engineering & Construction Co. Ltd.)	D'Nest
	Mr Paramesivam Senthamizh Selvan (Dragages Singapore Pte Ltd)	The Venue Residences and Shoppes
	Mr Malukkan Vellaisamy (Dragages Singapore Pte Ltd)	New Futura
	Mr Thangarasu Sökkumar (Teambuild Engineering & Construction Pte Ltd)	The Brownstone
	Mr Zaw Myo Htay (Woh Hup Pte Ltd)	Coco Palms
	Mr Islam MD Fakhrul (Nakano Singapore Pte Ltd)	The Criterion