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Attn.: Professor Francis T.K. Au, Head of Department

Dear Professor Au,

The BEAM Society aims to develop capacity for a sustainable and green built community. I write to you to commend members of your department who have helped to contribute to that goal.

Their research was used to develop the Construction Industry Council (CIC) Carbon Labelling Scheme, which we incorporated into our BEAM Plus assessment tools. The labels are important because they provide an easy reference for clients, design team members and contractors in the construction industry to understand the carbon impacts of different materials, which they can then incorporate into their decision making.

BEAM Plus also provides incentive for them to adopt the labels. Since 2016, extra points have been awarded in the BEAM Plus assessment tools for construction work on existing buildings that uses products bearing the CIC Carbon Label. A total 35 buildings have received accreditation to date, including 20 buildings rated Platinum.

I believe the simplicity of assessment tools such as the CIC Carbon Labelling Scheme has been a factor in helping the construction trade understand how to achieve a better environmental performance from buildings. The scheme has also very recently been applied to the BEAM Plus assessment of new buildings, which likewise will award points for using labelled products.

The BEAM Society is very pleased that the CIC Carbon Labelling Scheme is making it easier for builders and their clients to select green products and thus help us achieve our overall goal of reducing the environmental impacts of building construction.

Yours faithfully,

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