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REVISED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE APPLICATION OF SKILLcard TO FIRE SPRINKLER INSTALLATION PERSONNEL

As a result of a change in the assessment methodology for H&V Installation NVQs/SVQs (which qualifications have hitherto served as an underpinning NVQ/SVQ for fire sprinkler installation personnel), it has become necessary to change the basis on which Engineering Services SKILLcard issues cards to fire sprinkler installation personnel. These qualifications as now assessed are no longer really relevant as a means of accrediting the skills of Fire Sprinkler Installers.

With immediate effect, therefore, SKILLcards will be issued to Fire Sprinkler Installers on the following revised basis.

Issue of Construction Related Occupations (CRO) Dark Green (N/SVQ-Unit linked) cards

These cards, valid for three years, are linked to two NVQ/SVQ *Units* – i.e. not a full NVQ/SVQ - which have been identified and agreed as being technically relevant to the work of fire sprinkler installation personnel. These Units are the basis of Industry Accreditation, through an employer endorsement of the applicant's competences as specified in the two NVQ/SVQ Units for the occupation. There is a time limit for applying by Industry Accreditation, and the closure date for fire sprinkler installation personnel will be 31 March 2008.

All applicants must have satisfied SKILLcard's normal health and safety requirements before applying for a card.

Treatment of Fire Sprinkler Installers previously issued with Blue or Gold SKILLcards

Fire Sprinkler Installers who have already obtained a Blue or Gold SKILLcard will retain their right to have Blue or Gold cards re-issued on expiry, subject to satisfying the normal health and safety requirements of the SKILLcard scheme.

SKILLcard website

Further details concerning CRO Dark Green SKILLcards can be found on the SKILLcard website at: www.skillcard.org.uk — from the home page, select “Card Information”. Alternatively, to download an application form, select “Download application forms”; or select “Health and Safety testing” for details of SKILLcard’s health and safety requirements.

SKILLcards for Supervisors and Managers

These are available, on the basis of Industry Accreditation, till 31 October 2006, for Supervisors and Managers in the fire sprinkler installation sector. Further details can be found on the SKILLcard website at: www.skillcard.org.uk — from the home page, select “Card Information”, then refer to details for Gold (Supervisor), Platinum (Manager) and Black (Senior Manager) SKILLcards.

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