

Annex A

Comments From Associations On Enhanced Safety Training Regime For Metalworking Sector

Mr Koh Juan Kiat, Executive Director, SNEF

“SNEF is encouraged by the continued efforts of the WSH Council to engage and incorporate feedback from employers to raise safety standards. The recent improvements to the training requirements for the issue of work permits, and the requirement to sit for the re-certification test without having to attend the MSOC again, will help ensure that WSH knowledge is inculcated in both the new and experienced workers. This will enable employers to manage workplace safety in a sustainable manner.”

Ms Jessie Yeo, Executive Secretary, Metal Industries Workers' Union (MIWU), National Trades Union Congress

"During such difficult times where companies are searching for ways to ride out the recession, the enhanced training requirements for workers in the metalworking sector should not be taken as a burden. Rather, the MIWU supports the revision. At no time should the safety of workers be compromised. A reduction in number of workers being injured, killed or made sick by work activities is a major reduction in costs to businesses and to society."

Mr Gwee Seng Kwong, Secretary-General of SMA

“The enhanced training and certification regime for workers in the metalworking sector will not only have a positive impact on the businesses, but more importantly, it gives an assurance to the workers’ safety.”

Mr Bryan Teh, Executive Director of ASME

“These new training requirements of MSOC tied to issuance of work permits will help business owners gauge the safety knowledge of their workers. Workers will need such knowledge to protect themselves from potential dangers that might injure them.”

