

### **Factsheet on WSH Assist (Pilot Phase)**

WSH Assist is a government assistance scheme providing co-funding for SMEs to engage WSH consultants for onsite assistance. WSH Assist will help SMEs gain a better understanding of their responsibilities under the WSH Act, identify any WSH gaps and develop an action plan to close them.

2 With a better understanding of their WSH needs, SMEs can also leverage on the programme to identify other appropriate Government schemes that they can tap on to further improve safety and health standards at the workplace.

3 WSH Assist aims to help SMEs defray up to 80% of the fees incurred in engaging WSH consultants. Some features of the WSH Assist programme are:

- i. Convenience – WSH consultants will be deployed at the company's premises;
- ii. Onsite training – the consultants will conduct a briefing on WSH Act in the workplace which employees can attend;
- iii. WSH resources – WSH publications will be distributed, along with a live demonstration of online WSH resources; and
- iv. Workplace report and action plan – a report will be developed and given on the spot for ease of implementation, and sharing with management and employees.

4 MOM and the WSH Council have started a pilot run for the WSH Assist programme since December 2011 which will end around late Apr 2012. The WSH Council is targeting to launch the programme by the second half of this year.