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# Guidelines forSales Descriptions of Uncompleted Residential PropertiesSupplementary Guidelines on Private Sale

To enhance the transparency of the private sale mechanism, the following supplementary guidelines are to be adopted by all members of The Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong with immediate effect. Should there be any conflict between these guidelines and the conditions of the LACO Consent Scheme, the LACO Consent Scheme shall prevail.

Please note that these guidelines do not apply to sales to investors and staff.

#### **Provision of Sales Brochures and other Essential Information**

- 1. Sales brochures should be made available to prospective purchasers at least 24 hours before the private sale.
- 2. Sales brochures should contain essential information in respect of the property offered for sale, including but not limited to the following:
  - Floor area and floor plan
  - Prominent fittings and finishes
  - Location plan drawn to scale
  - Disposition plan
  - Salient conditions of the Government lease
  - Salient provisions of the draft DMC
  - Obligations for slope maintenance if any
  - Anticipated completion date
  - Management fee details

- 3. A copy of the draft DMC and the Government lease should be provided at the sales office for free inspection by prospective purchasers.
- 4. An enquiry counter should be set up at the sales office and a hotline be made available to provide information relating to the property being offered for sale.
- 5. Leaflets on useful information for flat purchasers published by the Consumer Council and/or the Estate Agents Authority should be made available at the sales office.
- 6. Reasonable steps should be taken to inform purchasers of subsequent material changes with regard to the information provided in the sales brochures.

## **Provision of Price List**

- 7. The price list and the list of units on offer should be made available at the sales office to prospective purchasers and also through estate agents (if engaged).
- 8. The price list of the first batch of the units on offer, which should be of a reasonable quantity, should be provided at least 24 hours before the private sale.
- 9. Should prices be subsequently changed or additional units offered, an updated price list should be provided as soon as possible.

#### **Announcement of Sales Performance**

10. Members are free to decide on whether or not to make public the results of their sales. If they choose to publicize, any information provided must be as accurate as possible.

### **Conduct of Sale**

11. Members should ensure that their sales activities are conducted in an orderly manner.

#### **Engagement of Estate Agency**

- 12. Members should specify in their promotional materials the name of any estate agency engaged by them.
- 13. Clear instructions on sales arrangements must be provided to the engaged estate agency.
- 14. Appropriate action should be taken against any estate agent (if estate agency is engaged) who is found to have adopted unprofessional sales practices.

#### Monitoring

15. Random check on the compliance with these Guidelines by members will be conducted by the REDA Secretariat.

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