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Safety-First ... CDL Strikes Gold

City Developments Limited (CDL) is the only Singapore company to be conferred the prestigious **GOLD Award** at the RoSPA Occupational Health & Safety Awards for 2006. The Award will be presented to CDL today in Birmingham, during the Safety & Health Expo 2006, United Kingdom's (UK) premier health and safety at work exhibition.

For 50 years, The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) based in UK, is one of the world's leading health and safety organizations. As one of the longest running and most highly respected occupational awards in the world, it is not just about reducing the number of accidents and cases of ill-health at work; the awards are accorded to organizations that have good health and safety management systems in place. To receive a GOLD Award, an organisation must achieve a very high standard of health and safety at work over a minimum period of four years.

Mr David Rawlins, RoSPA Awards Manager said, "CDL has demonstrated how seriously they take health and safety management and are a fine example to many other companies. We would like to see more organizations following their lead by providing a positive example."

CDL's Winning Approach

CDL has been a firm advocate of a "Safe and Green" culture, placing great emphasis on high environmental and occupational health and safety standards in all its developments. Behind this award-winning approach is its Environmental, Health & Safety (EHS) Policy which employs a three-pronged strategy to environment management, namely: to *develop* quality properties, *manage* cost-effective and energy-efficient buildings, and *influence* the community.

Having implemented an in-house 5-Star Assessment System to measure the EHS performance of all its contractors and facilitating peer learning, CDL has seen significant improvements in the overall scores of all its projects. In fact, CDL's Accident Frequency Rate (AFR) has improved to 0.4 accidents per million man hours compared to the national construction industry's AFR of 3.0 accidents per million man hours in 2005.

Mr Eddie Wong, General Manager (Projects Division), CDL, said, "Safety on-site has always been a top priority. It is heartening to see how our efforts have produced results. We are very pleased to have been accorded this honour by such an established international organization."

Mr Wong highlighted that having a good safety record is a combined effort of all stakeholders in the construction value chain. This includes the contractors, workers on-site, consultants and the developer. "Although there are no guarantees to accident-free sites, as a responsible developer, we have been consistently influencing and monitoring our stakeholders, to ensure that safety measures are firmly in place to mitigate risk." Mr Wong added, "This award was made possible through the support of our stakeholders and it spurs us to continue to work even harder to sustain a safe and healthy work environment."

CDL has won Bronze and Silver RoSPA awards in the past years. This is the first time it has been accorded the highest prestige of GOLD.

About RoSPA Award

RoSPA Occupational Health & Safety Awards are sponsored by The National Examination Board in Occupational Safety and Health (NEBOSH), the leading UK health and safety professional examining body. For more details about RoSPA, please visit www.rospace.co.uk.

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