

SANCTION OF APPROVED INSPECTOR –Assent Building Control Ltd (Registration Number 118)

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Sanction Expiry: 4 January 2025

Disciplinary Hearing: 10 October 2023 and 13 December 2023

A disciplinary hearing was held in relation to Assent Building Control Ltd.'s ("Assent") conviction under Section 57 of the Building Act 1984 (the "conviction").

The Disciplinary Panel determined that a Level 2 sanction (Moderate Breach) should be imposed in respect of Assent's conviction. The Disciplinary Panel directed that the following sanctions should be applied:

- a. A letter of warning shall be issued to Assent. The letter of warning will state that Assent is warned that its current systems, if not remedied, could result in a Level 3 or higher sanction being imposed. In particular, Assent is warned that notwithstanding any CICAIR annual audit(s) it may have passed as regards its current systems, in the light of the information considered by the Disciplinary Panel, the Panel has determined that there is a risk that by maintaining an operating model and system that allows for a period of 30 weeks to pass before an inspection of an apparently inactive project is mandated, there is an enhanced and unacceptable risk of undetected deficient building, the reckless giving of a Final Certificate, and of risk to public safety and public confidence in the profession. The Disciplinary Panel also found that Assent's current schedule for inspections discloses an unsatisfactory and unacceptable period of time is allowed to occur between inspection visits.**
- b. A letter of advice/recommendation(s) shall be issued to Assent. The letter of advice/recommendation(s) shall recommend that Assent significantly reduces the period of time that it permits to elapse between site inspections by its associates and staff and to amend its systems accordingly;**
- c. Assent is directed, within three months of receiving notification of the Disciplinary Panel's determination, to formally report to CICAIR on improvements Assent has made to its system in the light of the warning and advice/recommendation given in a. and b. above.**

The Level 2 sanction will be recorded on Assent's CICAIR file along with the Disciplinary Panel's written decisions and terms of the requirements imposed. It will also be made available to any

future CICAIR panel which upholds a complaint or allegation against Assent prior to the delivery of a sanction (Paragraph 5.13 of the CICAIR Sanctions Guidance).

As determined by the Disciplinary Panel, the Level 2 sanction will be published on the CICAIR website for a period of no less than 12 months (Paragraph 5.14 of the Sanctions Guidance).

Non-compliance with this sanction and the requirements set out at a. to c. above may lead to further disciplinary action (Paragraph 5.15 of the Sanctions Guidance).

For the avoidance of doubt, this Level 2 sanction does not prevent Assent from continuing to practise as an Approved Inspector under CICAIR's regulatory framework.