Greater Recognition of SGBC Labelling Schemes in Green Mark 2015

Green Mark 2015 was officially launched for piloting on 2 September 2015, and it will play a more prominent role in driving and communicating sustainability outcomes. The scheme has been restructured to encompass four main sections: Climatic Responsive Design, Building Energy Performance, Resource Stewardship as well as Smart & Healthy Building. In addition, a bonus section on Advanced Green Building Efforts has been added to recognise sustainability efforts that go beyond assessment requirements.

Through SGBC’s consultative sessions with the Building and Construction Authority (BCA) on Green Mark 2015, SGBC has been seeking greater recognition for products and services certified by SGBC’s labelling schemes. These feedback culminated in certain sections of the criteria that give added focus to certified products and services.

Greater Recognition for Usage of Higher Rated SGBP Products
Within Green Mark for New Buildings (Non-Residential) 2015, under Section 3.02c Sustainable Products, SGBP certified products specified and used can score points under the Functional Systems Criteria and/or Singular Sustainable Products outside of Functional Systems Criteria, up to a maximum of 8 points.

Functional Systems consist of Flooring, Ceiling, Roof, External Wall, Internal Wall and Door systems; Singular Sustainable Products outside of Functional Systems cover Hardscape and Building Services products.

In addition, usage of SGBP products rated 2-ticks and above can accrue a maximum of 2 additional points. These products can form part of functional systems or singular sustainable products scored under Section 3.02c.

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Enhanced Recognition of SGBS Certified Firms
With the introduction of Green Mark 2015, BCA has acknowledged the merit of SGBS certified firms and has reflected this recognition in the new assessment criteria.

Within Section 1.01c Environment Credentials of Project Team, 0.5 point per company may be awarded for green companies such as SGBS certified service firms up to a cap of 1.5 points.

In addition, under Section 4.03d (iii) Energy Performance Contracting (Advanced Green Effort), 1 point will be awarded to the green building project if a SGBS certified Energy Performance Contracting (EPC) firm has been engaged to implement suitable projects that guarantee operational system efficiency over a minimum of 5 years. The engaged EPC firm can provide one or more of the following services:

- Provision of energy efficient technology and services including financing, design, implementation and management of projects
- Supply, installation and commissioning of cooling and/or heat-recovery systems
- Supply, installation and commissioning of CHP or tri-gen power generation
- Supply, installation and commissioning of solar PV or thermal systems
- Solar leasing
- M&E contracting

With these new measures, products and services certified by the SGBP and SGSB labelling schemes can gain greater standing and increased visibility in the building and construction industry.

For more information on Green Mark 2015, please visit: