



**Response to Queries for the
2nd iBEAM Stakeholder Engagement Workshop on 15 October 2020**

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001	1. Is iBEAM positioned to cater for BEAM Plus New Buildings (NB) v2.0 submission only?	<p>1. No, iBEAM is not just for NB v2.0, but cover all Tools eventually, although NB v2.0 is the target in the initial stage to cope with the foreseeable high demand of NB v2.0 submission starting from the third quarter of 2021.</p> <p>2. It is planned to enable iBEAM for NB v1.2 and all the Tools by stages.</p>
002	2. Who would be the primary users of iBEAM (e.g. project proponent, project BEAM Pro, etc.)?	<p>1. There will be a 3-level user account access within the iBEAM system, i.e.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Owner, • Project User and • BEAM Pro accounts. <p>This allows for the related parties involved (e.g. Project Proponent, Project BEAM Pro, Consultants, Contractors) to access iBEAM based on the project specific identities.</p> <p>2. The Project Owner account shall be granted with all access rights, and the widest functional rights than the rest.</p> <p>3. The BEAM Pro account has the same function as the Project Owner, with the exception of removing the Project Owner account from the project.</p> <p>4. The Project User account can manage project files being uploaded to the iBEAM, but does not have the right to make submission or amend essential information to the account, i.e. project information, financial information, making a submission.</p>
003	3. Is there any limit on the number of project user accounts per project?	<p>Yes. Aside from the sole project administrator account, there will be twelve project user accounts available for each project. Such limitation is purposed to assure data security and better quality of account maintenance.</p>



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004	4. Will users be able to access iBEAM on the current BEAM Plus mobile phone app?	iBEAM is designed to be accessed by different mobile devices. However, users are recommended to access iBEAM on a computer and/or a tablet for a better visual experience.
005	5. Does iBEAM synchronize all data input by different project users?	Yes, iBEAM is an online submission and collaboration platform enabling all project users to co-work on the same set of data of a project. All data input and revision will be done real time online with auto saving regularly (i.e. every 5 minutes).
001	6. Is there any restriction in accessing e-Forms on iBEAM when there are several intended contributors?	Yes, to secure the data integrity of the e-Forms, data being edited by one user will be locked to prevent crossed-editing of same data on the e-Forms or else at any one time. But multiple-access for “viewing only” will be allowed when a particular user is editing the e-Form.
003 006 007	7. Could selected users receive email notifications for any updates on the submission?	No, there will not be any email notification on changes of data as this will create high volume of notices during the collaboration process, which will cause information fatigue. However, iBEAM will maintain a log which keeps track of all user activities. Project Admin account owner can review such activities from the user log at any time.
007	8. Could users view who have edited the e-Forms?	Yes. Users can view the e-Form to identify the user who did the last revision on the eForm.
003 008	9. Is there any limitation on the file size and format of the supporting documents?	No, at least not at the initial stage after the launching of iBEAM. It is understood that the volume of data and format of supporting documents varies depending on the project scale. Hence, we do not intend to restrict the file size and format for most of the fields at the initial launch of iBEAM. However, the System has the ability to set limits if needed in future, e.g. when data duplication has adverse impact on System efficiency that harm users in general.

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010	11. Concerning the credit relating to BEAM Pro information, could iBEAM link to BEAM Practitioners' Directory?	<p>Yes, this is the intent, if feasibly achievable through interface between iBEAM and systems of HKGBC. Subject to successful establishment of such interface, the BEAM Pro information on the BEAM Practitioners' Directory will be synchronized to facilitate the assessment process.</p>
011 012	12. Is iBEAM BIM capable?	<p>No, at the initial stage, but YES in the long run.</p> <p>There is plan to build at a later stage an interface that enables batch entry of relevant BEAM-data by mining such from BIM files of the project.</p> <p>BSL would engage more views from the industry on this item.</p>
013	13. During the assessment process, could the Project BEAM Pro make changes on the submitted information?	<p>No, once the data/information is submitted for assessment, they cannot be changed/edited, but can be "over-ridden" or "over-written" through a process controlled by BSL upon request to effect the changes in effect without erasing the original data/information.</p>
011	14. Is the Project Applicant allowed to change their target rating during the assessment process on iBEAM?	<p>The Applicant could modify their submission package at any time before they confirm their submission of the assessment package for vetting. Users could access the Credit Summary page and alter their desired number of attempted credits prior to the submission of the assessment.</p>
001	15. Does iBEAM allow both submission and assessment be	<p>There is no firm decision yet on this issue. In principle, the assessment procedure on iBEAM aligns with the current practice and</p>

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	conducted in parallel within a fixed submission period?	<p>hence, the assessment will be conducted in a single submission package.</p> <p>However, iBEAM has been built with the flexibility for the assessment be conducted in parallel. BSL will further engage the Applicants on this issue in future.</p>
014	16. Could users download an electronic copy of e-Forms and supporting documents on iBEAM?	Yes. The submitted e-Forms and the respective associated supporting documents on iBEAM could be downloaded at any time for offline record.
006	17. Is there any automatically generated summary report available?	Yes. Users will be able to obtain a self-assessment report and an automatically generated assessment report at any time after the issuance of assessment result.
001	18. Is there any limitation on the number of project specific queries per assessment project within a limited time?	No, there is no limitation of such. Users could raise their queries via iBEAM at any time. Currently, there are no limitations on the number of queries per project.
015	19. For BEAM Plus Bespoke Projects, will there be tailor-made e-Forms available on iBEAM?	Yes. iBEAM is capable to handle BEAM Plus Bespoke Projects with a flexibility to deploy project specific e-Forms for Applicants of Bespoke projects.
001	20. Will the performance pledge be reduced with the aid of iBEAM?	<p>Yes, this is the intent, but this will only be reviewed after iBEAM is in a mature stage to suggest a realistic time pledge.</p> <p>In principle, the standardisation and efficiency on iBEAM should reduce assessment processing time and thereby enabling the reduction of performance pledge. BSL will further explore on this issue upon the commissioning of iBEAM and will advise the industry on this issue in due course.</p>
011	21. Will there be any room for reduction in BEAM Plus assessment fee after System launch?	<p>This issue will be review only after iBEAM can undertake the majority of the work process and there is clearer costing information for such review.</p> <p>BSL is a non-profit public body which has no intent to seek for profit in excess of its operational and development need.</p>



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		<p>However, financial resources are essential to meet BSL's vision create/sustain a green liveable built environment in harmony with nature for the benefits of the community.</p> <p>BSL has always been mindful of the market conditions and will review the pricing of the assessment on a regular basis.</p>
016	22. Are there any iBEAM demo videos available for illustration?	<p>Yes. You may access the online workshop replay via YouTube in the attached link and view the corresponding iBEAM demo session.</p> <p>https://youtu.be/3hDrHm0QM0o</p>