


FOREWORD

The Building and Construction Authority's (BCA) Construction Quality Assessment System (CONQUAS) has been widely adopted as the de facto national yardstick for measuring the workmanship quality of building projects. To meet rising expectations of homeowners, the Quality Mark (QM) Scheme was launched in 2002 to promote higher consistency in workmanship standards for private residential developments. To help projects achieve the standards in CONQUAS and QM, BCA has developed a series of publications on Good Industry Practices for different trades.

The Good Industry Practices Guides are part of the CONQUAS Enhancement Series which share some of the good practices adopted by practitioners and contractors on how good workmanship quality can be achieved on site. BCA has updated this guide to keep pace with new practices, construction methods, materials and products adopted by the industry. The "Good Industry Practices – Marble & Granite Finishes" has now been renamed to "Good Industry Practices – Natural Stone Finishes" guide.

This updated guide will be more inclusive as it aims to provide clear and practical illustrations on the quality checks of natural stones during manufacturing and installation. Common issues associated with natural stone finishes, their causes and possible solutions to address them are also highlighted.

This guide is not meant to be a definitive dictation on how natural stones must be designed and installed. It only serves to illustrate some of the good practices designers and contractors have adopted while designing and installing natural stones. We gratefully acknowledge the contributions of practitioners in the production of this guide and trust that the industry will find this publication useful. We welcome any contributions from readers to further improve any subsequent editions of this guide.

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