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Subject: Remedial works underway for Kmart

QLDC Building Control Inspections Team Leader Jonathan Shaw confirmed today that remedial works are underway at the Kmart construction site.

QLDC issued a Notice to Fix to Dominion Constructors Ltd and Queenstown Central on 21 August. This Notice related to repairing cut steel reinforcing bars between the pre-cast concrete panel walls and the foundations.

"The QLDC Building Services team investigated and then issued the Notice as soon as we were made aware of these construction issues," said Mr Shaw.

Once identified, Dominion Constructors Ltd and Queenstown Central have both cooperated fully with QLDC to remedy the issue. Approval for remedial work to commence was granted on 21 September.

Mr Shaw advised that QLDC has engaged its own independent engineering advice and has been closely monitoring the remedial engineering design and work.

"Something like this is of obvious concern and we will not provide any approvals allowing for public use until we are satisfied that the issues have been fully rectified," said Mr Shaw.

"QLDC is confident that once these works are completed and approved that the building will be compliant and therefore safe for the public and the businesses operating from those premises".

ENDS.

For more details surrounding the Kmart development, please contact Dominion Constructors Ltd – Grant Thomas 027 683 2943 – or Queenstown Central – Simon Holloway 021 770 635.