



THE CONTRACTS GROUP LTD.

Commercial, Contractual & Management Consultants to the Construction Industry



Contractual Claims

KEY SERVICES

- Extension of Time (EOT) Claims
- Variation Claims & Quantum
- Loss, Expense & Prolongation
- Disruption Claims
- Interim Payment Applications
- Final Account Negotiation & Settlement
- Liquidated Damages Challenge
- Claims Negotiation & Dispute Resolution

The Contracts Group provides expert claims management services to contractors, subcontractors and employers across Hong Kong and the wider Asian region. With the Security of Payment Ordinance (Cap 652) now in force since August 2025, the stakes for timely, well-structured claims have never been higher.

Extension of Time (EOT) Claims

Under most HK construction contracts — GCC, NEC4 and FIDIC — strict contractual notice periods apply. Miss the 8-week window and the entitlement may be permanently extinguished. We identify your EOT entitlements, prepare submissions with full supporting evidence and manage the entire notification process on your behalf.

Variation Claims & Quantum

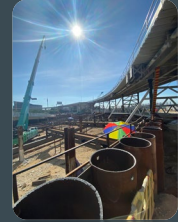
Variations are routinely undervalued. Project QS teams often apply incorrect valuation rules or fail to capture instructed and constructive variations in full. We review valuations, challenge inadequate assessments and ensure all variation work — direct and consequential — is properly compensated.

Loss, Expense & Prolongation

Where an EOT is established, the contractor is typically also entitled to recover prolongation costs — the cost of keeping site operations running beyond planned completion. We prepare detailed, auditable prolongation cost schedules covering prelims, head office overheads, finance charges and escalation.

Disruption Claims

Disruption is distinct from delay — it reflects lost productivity caused by changes, re-sequencing or excessive variation instructions. Our team quantifies and presents disruption claims using measured-mile and earned-value methodologies, building robust evidential cases that withstand scrutiny.



Interim Payment Applications

Properly structured and substantiated interim payment applications are essential for cash flow and adjudication readiness under the SOPO. We prepare, review and submit compliant payment claims, ensuring all entitlements are captured and notice requirements are met within prescribed timescales.

Security of Payment Ordinance (SOPO)

In force since 28 August 2025, the Security of Payment Ordinance (Cap 652) gives contractors and subcontractors a statutory fast-track adjudication route for payment disputes — with binding decisions typically issued within 55 working days. Well-structured payment claims and robust contemporaneous records are now a legal necessity. TCG helps clients navigate the SOPO process from payment claim preparation through to adjudication.

Final Account Negotiation & Settlement

Practical completion is not the financial finish line. Final accounts on major HK projects routinely take months — sometimes years — to resolve. We formulate strategic settlement plans, compile the full suite of final account documentation and lead negotiations to achieve the best possible outcome for our clients.

Liquidated Damages Challenge

Where an employer deducts or threatens LDs, we assess the validity of the deduction, develop a challenge strategy and, where appropriate, prepare applications to discharge or reduce LD liability — drawing on both programming evidence and contractual analysis.

20+

Years in HK Construction

500+

Claims Prepared & Advised

HK\$2B+

Claims Recovery Value

GCC / NEC4 / FIDIC

All Major HK Contracts

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