

BNC Information Policy

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Source of Information

The BNC Network depends on the building & construction industry for information. To ensure that information posted in the database is accurate and updated information is acquired first-hand directly from property developers, consultants, contractors, sub-contractors and suppliers. Additionally, information available in the public domain is also monitored and archived.

Quality of Information

The BNC Network is committed to providing the industry with the most accurate and up-to-date information possible.

Data posted on the BNC Network is verified using a semi-automatic three-tier verification system that minimizes the possibility of errors and where possible we provide our subscribers with the source of information to evaluate validity.

Even though the possibility is minimized, there is no guarantee that information available on the BNC Network is 100% accurate. Inaccurate information is possible due to several reasons including human error and the rapid rate of change within the industry. Subscribers are encouraged to report any updates and inaccurate information. To facilitate this feedback we provide links to send in requests for information on every search result and information display page on the BNC Network.

Type of Information

Information on the BNC Network is limited to **non-confidential information** i.e information in the public domain.

The BNC Network is constantly working to refine the balance between specificity and depth of information to ensure that the information posted on the Network serves the largest possible audience within the industry.

Information that caters to an industry sub-segment is therefore second priority as compared to information that pertains to all companies in the industry. For e.g. on a project record, information about the MEP Consultant is considered as essential while information about a particular sub-contractor or supplier is classified as non-essential information. Non-essential information will be posted only if it is submitted to the BNC Network but may not be actively researched.

The following guidelines explain what information is classified as essential and the type of information provided by each BNC Database:



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1. BNC Projects Database

Information available on each project is limited by the stage of the project. Every company that is or was involved with a particular project is not available and the Minimum Information Level (essential information) is determined by the stage of the project.

In addition to the general project overview information, Owners, Lead Consultants, MEP Consultants, Main Contractors and MEP Contractors are treated as essential information. All other companies involved with a project are added as the information is submitted to the BNC Network.

For each company listed on a project record we try to acquire the company type, telephone number, scope of work, email address, key contact person, and in case of suppliers products & brands supplied. All this information is not always available or not applicable. At minimum we list one method of contacting any company listed on a project record – this could be a telephone number or an email address. Where possible we try to acquire both contact details as well as key contact information.

Note:

1. *Projects are classified as "Under Construction" only if the main contractor has been awarded. Some under construction projects are still in tender for MEP Contractors.*
2. *Projects are classified as "Tender" even if the Enabling/Shoring/Piling contractor has been awarded.*
3. *Please refer to Appendix B for a list of countries covered by the BNC Network.*
4. *Please refer to Appendix C for a list of major project types and sub-types covered by the BNC Network.*

2. BNC Company Database

The BNC Company Database lists exclusively building & construction industry related companies. The primary types of companies listed are:

- Owners (includes Property Owners and Developers)
- Consultants (includes Architects, MEP, Design, Structural, etc.)
- Contractors & Sub-contractors
- Suppliers (includes Traders, Agents, Distributors & Manufacturers)
- Real Estate Company
- Financial institutions

The companies listed on the BNC Network are primarily companies registered in the regions covered by the BNC Network. Some companies that are not in these regions are also included because they are involved with projects within the region.



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The Basic BNC Company Listing is free of charge to all companies that meet the fundamental criteria of being involved with the building & construction industry. A Basic BNC Company Listing provides a company's contact information, project references and product offering (in case of suppliers)¹.

The Enhanced Company Listing is a paid listing that also displays a company logo, additional contact information, names of key contacts and specification sheets for products listed as well as project references².

3. BNC Products Database

The BNC Network Products Database lists a wide range of products pertaining to the building & construction industry along with the information on their brands, manufacturers and distributors.

4. BNC Events Database

The BNC Network Events Database lists major exhibitions, conferences and symposiums pertaining to the building & construction industry.

Information Updates

Information on the BNC Network is being updated daily through a scheduled and systematic process.

Due to the volume of information not all records are updated and the frequency of updates differs based on the type of information and the project timeline.

Due to security concerns, some projects are not updated on the BNC Network including Armed forces, Military, Prisons, Naval Bases, Army Camps, etc.

In this case, larger projects are updated more frequently on the BNC Network while smaller projects are updated less often. Requested information gets the highest priority, if the type of information is classified by the BNC Network as essential.

Companies, products and events are updated annually or as updates or requests for updates are received.

Information Requests

The BNC Network encourages information requests.

Requests for information are automatically given our highest priority if they are for information that the BNC Network classifies as essential. Information requests for information not classified as essential by the BNC

¹ Visible only to paid subscribers

² Visible to all users



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Network are attended to on a lower priority as the BNC Network's primary objective is to serve the entire industry.

We are committed to responding personally to every information request but please note that the requested information is not always possible to acquire.

Special Lists/Databases/Reports

The BNC Network provides some custom reports and lists that do not violate the integrity of data on the BNC Network. This is a paid service and each report request is reviewed individually. Please contact our Customer Service Department with your requirement to request a quote.

Permissible Use

Please refer to the terms of service agreement for permissible uses of data acquired from the BNC Network.



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Appendix A

BNC Terminology

Concept Stage

Refers to the stage at which a project is announced by the developers/owners. At this stage Architects and Design Consultants have not been appointed. At this stage consultants may be appointed to evaluate the feasibility of the project or to formalize the concept. The developers/owners may appoint Project Management Consultants at this stage. In this stage, the owners/project management consultants are tendering the projects for lead/design consultants.

Design Stage

Refers to projects that are currently being designed by either architects or consultants. This is the stage prior to the tender documents being released.

Tender Stage

Refers to the stage at which the project construction is being bid for by Main Contractors. At this stage generally no work would have started on site. However, in the case of large projects site preparation work is sometimes started by piling, enabling, dredging, shoring, dewatering contractors or others. A project in the tender stage can have piling, enabling and foundation contractors.

Under Construction

Refers to the stage at which on the main contractor is awarded, however there are possibilities that the main construction activity wouldn't have started as yet.

Completed

Refers to the stage in which the project is complete and handed over to the project owners. The project may have ongoing snags being resolved at this stage as well.

On Hold

Refers to the stage in which the project construction has been suspended for an undefined period of time.

Cancelled

Refers to the projects that have been officially cancelled by the project owners.

Owner

Refers to organizations, companies and individuals that have invested in a project.



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Property Developer

Refers to companies that are specialized in property development.

Investor

Refers to companies/individuals that have invested in a project but are not necessarily involved in the construction of the project.

Corporation

Refers to companies that are developing a project for their own use and not as professional property developers.

Home Owner

Refers to individuals that are developing a project for their own use.

Consultant

Refers to companies involved with the design, analysis, planning, inspection, and supervision on a project. Companies such as Quantity Surveyors and Project Management Companies are also classified as consultants on the BNC Network.

Contractor

Refers to companies that are involved in the physical construction of the project. Companies such as enabling, piling and dewatering companies are also classified as contractors on the BNC Network.

Supplier

Refers to companies involved with supplying products on a project. If a company is involved in supply & installation it is classified as a sub-contractor on the BNC Network. There are various types of suppliers such as manufacturers, distributors and agents – the BNC Network does not distinguish between the types of suppliers on a project records.

Essential Information

Refers to fundamental information required on a project to be able to track down more specific information. The information classified as essential on a project depends on the type of project and the stage of the project.

