

# Part Two. Online Discovery

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## Another Poor Quality Construction Project

Recently, the State Quality Supervision Commission received lots of complaints that the newly built residential buildings at Le Kang New Village Complex at Jinzhou City have serious quality problems. In particular, as high as 80% of apartments have leaking problems in the restroom. There were even accidents that ceilings fell and hit residents. Upon receipt of the complaints, the State Quality Supervision Commission dispatched a special investigation working team to Jinzhou City. After preliminary examination, the residential apartment compound built by San Xi Construction Company, a subsidiary company of Guang Sha Construction Development Group, did have serious quality problems. Apart from those finished buildings that have quality problems, another ten apartment buildings currently being built have severe structural deficiencies, which are due to the poor qualities of iron and cement. These buildings may collapse should residents move in the near future. The State Quality Supervision Commission and other authorities have ordered to halt the project. Those finished apartment buildings, which are not yet sold, were withdrawn back from the real estate market. San Xi Company was fined 15 million RMB. Further investigation is currently under way.

It is reported that the vice Chairman Ping Huang of the Guang Sha Construction Development Group has already arrived Jinzhou City and was specially tasked to deal with this severe quality issue. The Group Company has made three major decisions. First, Wang Baoguang was hired from its current position of CEO of San Xi Company. Other employees implicated were also given punishments; second, the residential buildings currently being used should be renovated for free within half a year. The residents should be properly repaid for any damages caused; third, according to the needs, the buildings currently being built should be corrected for any structural deficiencies or torn down. Ping Huang promised to the journalists that Guang Sha Group Company will do whatever it is needed to recover the loss and assure the safety of the residents at any cost.

It is also reported that disciplinary and police departments already started investigation into the issue. Many people have doubts that behind the poor quality construction projects, there were illegal dealings involved such as bribery.