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Civil Engineering and Development Department

**Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Ordinance, Cap.499
Application for Approval of EIA Report**

**Project Title: Tung Chung New Town Extension
(Application No. EIA-233/2015)**

I refer to your above application received on 8 October 2015 for approval of an EIA report under Section 6(2) of the EIA Ordinance, our letter of 1 December 2015 advising you to exhibit the EIA report for public inspection in accordance with Section 6(4) of the EIA Ordinance and our letter of 26 February 2016 providing you with a full set of public comments received during the public inspection period together with suggested conditions and recommendations from the Advisory Council on the Environment (ACE) given to us on 16 February 2016 in accordance with Section 8(1) of the EIA Ordinance.


Having considered the public comments, the comments from the ACE, and the further information submitted to us under Section 8(1) of the EIA Ordinance on 11 March 2016, I now advise you under Section 8(3) of the EIA Ordinance that the above EIA report as exhibited under Section 7(1) of the EIA Ordinance is approved subject to the conditions at Annex 1 which shall be imposed, together with other relevant requirements, as appropriate, as conditions in the Environmental Permit, if granted, for carrying out the Project.

It should be noted that the approval of the EIA report shall not relieve you of the responsibility to comply with other legislation or Government requirements for implementing the Project.

Under Section 15 of the EIA Ordinance, the approved EIA report (Register No. : AEIAR - 196/2016) will be placed on the EIA Ordinance Register. The approved EIA report and the conditions of approval will also be placed on the EIA Ordinance website (<http://www.epd.gov.hk/eia/>).

Should you have any queries on the above application, please contact my colleague Ms. Clara U at 2835 2164.

Yours sincerely,



(Louis P L CHAN)

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for Director of Environmental Protection

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c.c. (w/o encl.)

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Reference of the Approved EIA Report in the Register: AEIAR-196 /2016

Conditions of Approval under Section 8(3) of the EIA Ordinance

- (a) The Project Proponent shall submit a Works Vessel Travel Route Plan (the Plan) to the Director of Environmental Protection (DEP) for approval before commencement of construction of the reclamation works at Tung Chung East. The Plan shall set out the normal operational routings of the construction works marine vessels which shall be restricted from travelling within the proposed Brothers Marine Park as far as practicable and the hotspots of the Chinese White Dolphins (CWDs) near Sha Chau and Lung Ku Chau Marine Park, along the Urmston Road. The Plan shall set out any special circumstances (e.g. inclement weather, marine safety, etc.) that require deviations from the normal operational routings, and the approval mechanism involving the Environmental Team Leader and the Independent Environmental Checker for the purpose. The Plan shall also set out ways to minimize trips of works vessels to and from the works site and to cap the number of works vessels to a maximum of 56 and 10 round trips on a daily and hourly basis respectively. All works vessels shall be equipped with Global Positioning System for real time tracking and monitoring of their travel routings and anchorage points. The Plan shall also include the penalty on the contractors for violating this Plan for the first time as well as repeated violations. The Plan shall be made effective through all relevant contracts of the construction works of this project.
- (b) The Project Proponent shall submit a detailed Eco-shoreline Implementation Plan (the Plan) to the DEP for approval before commencement of construction of the eco-shoreline. The Plan shall include a robust and innovative eco-shoreline design with clear objectives of enhancing its ecological, landscape, visual and other functions. The Plan shall also include detailed management arrangements and a monitoring programme with indicators for success.
- (c) The Project Proponent shall submit a Plan on provision of buffer zones, in the form of either a "Conservation Area" zone or other appropriate zonings alongside the eastern and western branches of the Tung Chung Stream for its protection, to the DEP before commencement of construction works at Tung Chung West. The buffer zones shall, as far as practicable, be no less than 30 metres in width on either side of the Stream.

- (d) The Project Proponent shall submit a Habitat Enhancement and Translocation Plan (the Plan) for the amphibian species of conservation importance, including Romer's Tree Frogs that would be affected by the Project, to the DEP for approval before commencement of construction works at Tung Chung West. The Plan shall set out the methodology for capture, translocation and post-release monitoring of such amphibian species, an implementation programme and suitable receptor sites with recommended measures for enhancing the habitats for such amphibian species at the receptor sites.

- (e) The Project Proponent shall submit a detailed Compensatory Planting Plan to the DEP for approval before commencement of construction works at Tung Chung West. Qualified professional shall be engaged to advise on aspects of plant species selection, planting scheme and schedule (including sourcing or nursery propagation of the required species), fire control, and post-planting monitoring and maintenance. Action targets shall be set using percentage canopy cover formation for each planting plot to ensure effective woodland establishment in the long term.

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