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Drainage Services Department

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

**Project Title: Hung Shui Kiu Effluent Polishing Plant
(Application No. EIA-281/2022)**

I refer to your application received on 8 April 2022 for approval of the above EIA report under Section 6(2) of the EIA Ordinance and our previous letter of 1 June 2022 advising you to exhibit the EIA report for public inspection in accordance with Section 6(4) of the EIA Ordinance.

Having considered the comments from the Advisory Council on the Environment (ACE) given to us on 23 September 2022, 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 conditions in the Environmental Permit for carrying out of the Project. In addition, recommendations from the ACE are contained in **Annex 2** for your onward action.

It should be noted that the approval of the EIA report shall not relieve you from 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-240/2022) 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 (<https://www.epd.gov.hk/eia/>).

Should you have any queries concerning the above, please contact my colleague Mr. Anthony HO at 2835 1115.

Yours sincerely,



(Stanley C.F. LAU)
Principal Environmental Protection Officer
for Director of Environmental Protection

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ACE EIA Subcommittee Secretariat (Attn. : Ms. Sally SHEK)

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

The project proponent shall –

- (1) devise a detailed Compensatory Tree Planting Implementation Plan (the Plan) with engagement of terrestrial ecologist(s), which shall include details of the planting objectives, planting numbers and locations and list of tree species to be used, with the aim to enhance ecological values and urban biodiversity. Native tree species shall be deployed as far as possible, unless the deployment of exotic species would bring ecological enhancements. The Project Proponent shall consult the Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (DAFC) on the Plan prior to submission to the Director of Environmental Protection (DEP) for approval before the commencement of compensatory tree planting; and
- (2) develop a contingency and response plan (the Plan) for handling potential overflow of effluent under adverse weather conditions and emergency discharges due to other incidents such as power supply failure or maintenance works. The Project Proponent shall consult the DAFC on the Plan prior to submission to the DEP for approval before the commencement of the project.

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**Recommendations from the Advisory Council on the Environment
for Carrying Out of the Project**

The project proponent is recommended to –

- (1) liaise proactively with the Environmental Protection Department to put in place appropriate odour control measures with a view to minimising odour emissions during the transportation of food waste to the project site;
- (2) minimise the generation of construction and demolition (C&D) waste as well as reuse and recycle on site the C&D materials generated from the project as far as possible; and
- (3) explore ways to adopt green design and construction approach such as proper scheduling of construction programme to avoid repetitive works, offsite construction methods and assemble the building blocks on site, reuse building materials and felled trees as well as the choice of suitable and durable materials with the aim to minimise carbon emissions from the project and achieve carbon neutrality.

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