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Highways Department

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

Project Title: Improvement of Lion Rock Tunnel
(Application No. EIA-285/2022)

I refer to your above application received on 30 June 2022 for approval of an EIA report under Section 6(2) of the EIA Ordinance and our previous letter of 5 August 2022 advising you to exhibit the EIA report for public inspection in accordance with Section 6(4) of the EIA Ordinance.

Having considered the public comments received during the public inspection period and the comments from the Advisory Council on the Environment (ACE) given to us on 8 November 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 condition 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 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 - 242/2022) will be placed on the EIA Ordinance Register. The approved EIA report and the condition 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. Eva LAU at 2835 1843.

Yours sincerely,



(Sunny C. W. CHEUNG)

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

- (1) The Project Proponent shall devise detailed Compensatory Tree Planting Implementation Plans (the Plans) to compensate the loss of 0.25 ha of woodland within the Lion Rock Country Park (LRCP) in a ratio of no less than 1:1 in terms of area and to compensate the tree loss under the Project in a ratio of no less than 1:1 in terms of number. The Plans shall include planting objectives, planting details including numbers, locations and areas, as well as arrangement and responsibility of maintenance and monitoring of the proposed planting. The Project Proponent shall consult the Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation and relevant authority on the Plans prior to submission to the Director of Environmental Protection for approval before the commencement of compensatory tree planting.

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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) explore the possibility to provide compensation for the permanent loss of 0.16 ha of woodland within the LRCP, in liaison with the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD), as far as practicable;
- (2) adopt appropriate, innovative, environmental-friendly and bird-friendly noise mitigation measures, including but not limited to the provision of noise barriers and enclosures, to mitigate the road traffic noise impacts arising from the Project. A community liaison group should be set up for maintaining regular communication with the relevant stakeholders with a view to achieving consensus on the design of the noise barriers/enclosures in terms of colour, material and dimension taking into account their landscape and visual impacts;
- (3) in case of any wild animal nuisance arising from the Project, propose and implement appropriate management and remedial measures, in consultation with the AFCD;
- (4) explore ways to shorten the construction time with a view to minimising the disturbances and nuisances to the neighbouring residents as far as practicable; and
- (5) minimise the generation of construction and demolition (C&D) materials as well as reuse and recycle the C&D materials and yard waste (e.g. felled trees) on site or in other projects.

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