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

Project Title: Establishment of Fish Culture Zone at Mirs Bay
(Application No. EIA-290/2022)

I refer to your application received on 18 October 2022 for approval of the subject EIA report under Section 6(2) of the EIA Ordinance and our previous letter of 16 November 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 21 March 2023, 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 – 247/2023) will be placed on the EIA Ordinance Register. The approved EIA report will also be placed on the EIA Ordinance website (<http://www.epd.gov.hk/eia/>).

Should you have any queries concerning the above, please contact my colleague Ms. Eva LAU at 2835 1843.

Yours sincerely,



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

- (1) The Project Proponent shall devise a Sediment Monitoring Plan (the Plan) to be incorporated in the environmental monitoring and audit programme. The Plan shall identify appropriate locations for sediment monitoring by grab samples based on modelling simulations for tracking the particles flow, and propose monitoring parameters and frequency with a view to monitoring any potential impacts on sediment quality of the seabed due to sediment deposits caused by the Project. The Plan should be submitted to the Director of Environmental Protection for approval before commencement of construction of the Project.

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**Environmental Protection Department
March 2023**

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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 ways to achieve carbon neutrality in the Project such as through the use of renewable energy in the operation of the Fish Culture Zones (FCZs) as well as the marine transportation involved. Low-carbon construction materials should be deployed to reduce embodied carbon and more durable materials should be adopted for the fish rafts/cages with the aim of minimising maintenance frequency and extending the lifespan of the rafts/cages;
- (2) deploy non-toxic and eco-friendly coating materials for fish rafts/cages within the FCZs in order to minimise potential impacts on water quality and marine ecology;
- (3) explore the use of big data and innovative technology, such as satellite images and video images, etc. for real-time surveillance and monitoring with a view to ensuring compliance with the licensing requirements of the FCZs as well as to support research and analysis purposes; and
- (4) seek veterinary advice on the appropriate usage and dosage of any pharmaceutical products including prescription drugs and disinfectant for diseases so as to minimise potential impacts on water quality and marine ecology.

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