

Appendix 13 Questionnaire for Public Participation

Study of Environmental Impact Assessment for the Stage III of the Shenzhen River Regulation Project Questionnaire for Public

Name: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____ Profession: _____ Education background: _____

The Shenzhen River is the boundary between Shenzhen and Hong Kong. In recent years, there is larger development both in Shenzhen City and the west area of New Territories in Hong Kong. Due to rapid development on both sides of the River, the contradiction between the economical growth and the capability against floods has been sharpened in recent years. The deficiency of flood passing capacity of the river channel, leading to severe flood damage for years, has caused great impact on the social economy and ecological environment. In order to rectify the problem, the governments of both Shenzhen Special Economic Zone and Hong Kong Special Administrative Region have jointly commenced the Shenzhen River Regulation Project.

The Shenzhen River Regulation Project is to be carried out in three stages. The construction of Stage I of the Project has been completed in April 1997, which aims at cutting off the meander between Liu Pok and Lok Ma Chau. Stage II began in May 1997 and will be completed by the end of 2000, which aims at widening and deepening the river channel downstream from Lo Wu Railway Bridge. Stage III of the Project now is in preparation and will start following completion of Stage II, which is comprehensively training the river channel between Lo Wu Railway Bridge and River Ganges (including widening, deepening and realignment of the existing river channel, building dyke and rematch facilities, etc..)

Stage III Project will greatly enhance the flood control capacity, improve river water quality and navigation conditions, as well as local landscape, which has significant social, economical and environmental benefits. At the same time, the construction of Stage III Project may cause some adverse impacts on ecology, water quality, waste

disposal, noise and air quality, etc. At present, the environmental impact assessment is being conducted. This questionnaire is for consulting from public in order to have public's comments and opinions on environmental issues of the Project. Therefore, your input and participation will be highly appreciated.

Please give your answers to following questions:

1. Do you think whether it is necessary to implement Stage III of the Shenzhen River Regulation Project?

A) Necessary B) Unnecessary C) Do not care

2. Stage III of the Shenzhen River Regulation Project is a flood control project, after the Project is finished, the flood control capacity of the Shenzhen River will be much enhanced to resist the floods of 50-year recurrence (the current flood control capacity is 2~5-year recurrence). In your opinion, what kind of impact might be caused by the Project on economic development and people's living in this area?

- ① It will benefit to economic development and stability of people's life in this area.
- ② It will benefit to economic development but has a little benefit to the stability of people's life in this area.
- ③ It will benefit to stability of people's life but has little benefit to economical development in this area.
- ④ It has little benefit to stability of people's life and economical development in this area.

3. As for environment protection, what do you think are the positive impacts and the negative impacts caused by Stage III of the Shenzhen River Regulation Project? Whether the advantages of the Project are more than the disadvantages or vice versa?

Positive impact:

Negative impact:

Relation between advantage and disadvantage :

- a) advantage is more than disadvantage
- b) Disadvantage is more than advantage
- c) advantage is equal to disadvantage

4. What are your most concerned environmental issues for Stage III of the Shenzhen River Regulation Project?

5. Besides the questions listed in this questionnaire, do you think what kind of environment problem might occur during the implementation of Stage III of the Shenzhen River Regulation Project?

6. What kind of requirements and suggestions on environment protection you may propose for Stage III of the Shenzhen River Regulation Project?