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The Hon. Kenneth Ting Woo-shou, JP
Chairman
Panel on Commerce and Industry
Legislative Council
8 Jackson Road
Central
Hong Kong

Dear Chairman,

Science Park at Pak Shek Kok – Phase 1c

At the Panel meeting on 9 April, the Hon Hui Cheung-ching enquired about the admission criteria of the Science Park and I undertook to provide a written reply.

The admission criteria published by the Provisional Hong Kong Science Park Company Ltd. is at **Annex**. Each application is considered by the Admission Committee set up under the Board of Directors. The Company will conduct annual review with the tenants to verify the implementation and realisation of the planned activities as stated in the applications. This mechanism will continue when the merged corporation, the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation, is set up.

Yours sincerely,

(Francis Ho)

Commissioner for Innovation and Technology

c.c. The Hon Hui Cheung-ching
Mrs Florence Lam, Clerk to Panel

Admission Criteria of the Hong Kong Science Park

An applicant shall meet the following conditions to be admitted as a tenant.

(A) Core Tenants

- General
 - (a) an applicant should engage in technology intensive business and place knowledge based innovation functions that encompass decision making, research, product and market development, advanced manufacturing, customer support and associated services as a significant part of its operations in the Science Park;
 - (b) an applicant's operations in the Science Park should not be primarily in mass production; although small scale pilot production or high value added production in support of product and market development and innovation may be permitted; and
 - (c) an applicant's operations in the Science Park should be environmentally friendly.
- An applicant's operations in the Science Park must contribute to the long term economic success of Hong Kong through the development, enhancement and/or application of innovation and technology. Examples of applicants that would be acceptable are as follows:
 - (a) Companies engaging in the following activities:
 - Research and development of products, services and processes including market research, product management and related activities.
 - Product or process engineering, qualification and related product and production support activities.

- Headquarters operations encompassing one or more of the above functions.

- (b) Inward investing companies who wish to start up and expand in Hong Kong and plan to engage in activities listed above within a preset period agreed in advance with the Science Park Administration.

- (c) Embryo and start-up companies planning to engage in the above listed activities. Examples are companies growing out of university research activities or incubation programs or companies founded by entrepreneurs within the HKSAR.

- Priority will be given to companies who
 - (a) are world leaders (actual or potential) in technology, brand recognition, market coverage and/or operation excellence;

 - (b) are contributing members of the fostering clusters;

 - (c) have a long term commitment to building technology competence in Hong Kong through investment in people and intellectual property;

 - (d) provide a significant number of high value added innovation and technology jobs locally; and/or

 - (e) are engaged in the areas of electronics, information technology, biotechnology or precision engineering.

(B) Professional Service Providers

Professional companies providing value added services (e.g. legal, accounting, recruiting, venture fund management, training, design and marketing, consulting, etc.) are also admissible to the Science Park.