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333 Java Road, North Point,
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Dear Mr. POPE,

Proposed Corporatisation of the Survey and Mapping Office (SMO)

Thank you for your letter dated 27 February 2001 reiterating the need to consult staff unions and undertaking to carry out consultation for the proposal to corporatise SMO.

We, professional land surveyors in SMO, have been actively expressing our views on the proposal since the disclosure of the Final Report on Feasibility of Corporatisation of the Survey and Mapping Office of Lands Department on 7 January 2000. You have been informed of our views on 15 February 2000 that the recommendation to transform SMO to a corporation is totally unsound and financially not viable. We also requested further details for the justification of the financial viability of the proposal during the consultation period.

We expressed the same message and repeatedly in all the meetings with you, in all regular meetings with DD/SM and in other meetings of the same nature. It is regretted that you choose to ignore and avoid responding to our views.

We conducted an opinion survey on 21 February 2001 on the Proposal for Corporatisation of the Survey and Mapping Office (SMO) (Proposal) released on 13 February 2001 for the land surveyor grade. We have the following findings:

- (1) 93% of the grade opine that the Business Plan is not promising;
- (2) 74% of the grade opine that the Proposal cannot achieve the expected Institutional Changes for SMO;
- (3) 76% of the grade object the proposal to corporatise SMO;
- (4) Only 12% of the grade will consider the proposal to transfer to the Corporatisation.

The Proposal has been studied carefully among the professional land surveyors and we passed the resolution on 9 March 2001 that:

The proposal for Corporatisation of the SMO being put forward by the Administration is based upon unsound speculation and is not justified. We, professional land surveyors and managers of the SMO, do not support the proposal and strongly demand the Administration to withdraw the proposal.



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We would like to inform you that we do not support the proposal to corporatise SMO. We consider that the Proposal does not contain the necessary supporting information to justify the need to corporatise SMO, to realize the opportunities mentioned and to validate the financial plan. We are also not convinced that why the Administration has to push the SMC Bill through LEGCO while the proposal and the Bill are not being fully consulted and agreed.

As promised by DD/SM in the briefing sessions for all professional land surveyors on the proposal for corporation of SMO, we would like to urge your prompt action to disclose all the consultant study supporting the proposal. Please also issue the Questions and Answers for issues raised in the briefing sessions on 27-28 February 2001 as agreed with DD/SM. In this connection, the period of consultation should be extended accordingly.

We must reiterate our stance on the Civil Service Reform that we do not worry about changes if they are fully justified. We look forward to working together with top management to study and develop ways to improve the survey and mapping service.

Yours sincerely,

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