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By fax & by post

Ms. Mary Tang Clerk to the LegCo Panel on Environmental Affairs Legislative Council Building 8 Jackson Road Central Hong Kong

Dear Ms. Tang

We refer to your letter of 31 May 2002 and are pleased to offer our views on the landfill charging scheme proposed by the Administration as follows:

We support the principle of introducing a reasonable landfill charge to discourage the dumping of C & D waste on the landfills thereby extending their lifespan. We believe it is equally important to come to grips with this problem at its roots, the solution of which actually lies in reduction and recycling.

In this regard, we urge the Government to play a leading role by bringing our Building Regulations up to date to allow buildings to be constructed in a more efficient and less wasteful manner. At the same time, it can encourage a greater degree of recycling by setting specifications for all types of C & D waste materials that may be reused in building works.

Yours sincerely

Louis Loong Secretary General