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Western Harbour Crossing Freezes Tolls

A new statutory toll table for the Western Harbour Crossing will be gazetted tomorrow. However, the General Manager of the Western Harbour Tunnel Company Limited (“WHTCL”), Kenneth Pang, said that the toll levels for all categories of vehicles will remain unchanged.

“The gazetting of new toll levels is only a statutory procedure provided for under the Western Harbour Crossing Ordinance”, said Kenneth Pang, “we will not change the tolls we currently charge at the same time.”

“Given that WHTCL’s revenue has been far below that anticipated in the Ordinance, the law provides that the Company may adjust the tolls and have new tolls gazetted”, he added. “Despite this, we have decided that in the present economic conditions we should keep the tolls unchanged. Although there have been further capital injections from shareholders, increased efficiency and re-financing arrangements, the Company is still under immense financial pressure. We cannot rule out the need for a toll adjustment in the future.”

WHTCL pledges to continue to provide a high quality service to users, and continue to reduce operating costs. “The Company looks forward to working closely with the Government to enhance utilisation of our Tunnel.”

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