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Dear Honourable Mr. Kwong,

Bills Committee on the Construction Industry Council (No.2) Bill

Proposed Composition and Functions

The Administration has undertaken to look into views and suggestions made by Members of the Bills Committee regarding the proposed composition and functions of the Construction Industry Council (CIC).


On the proposed composition of CIC, we recognize that a large number of stakeholder groups are aspiring to put forward their own representatives, and that it would not be realistic to aim at striking an acceptable balance of interest within all key sectors. As such, a hybrid model with nominating organizations identified only for certain categories listed under clause 9 would seem to be a feasible starting point.

Along these lines, we have drawn up the following basic principles to guide our approach on this subject –

- (a) nominating organizations should be legal entities incorporated in Hong Kong for a specified period;
- (b) nominating organizations should demonstrate both the willingness and capability to spearhead industry reforms;
- (c) professional bodies and public sector clients should be established by local statute and scheduled public bodies in the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance (Cap. 201) respectively; and
- (d) trade federations instead of their member associations should be selected, where appropriate.

A tentative list of nominating organizations compiled by applying these basic principles is at **Annex**. After gathering initial feedback from Members, we intend to consult the Provisional Construction Industry Co-ordination Board as well as other relevant parties before coming to a decision on the most appropriate way to incorporate this list into the Bill.

As for the proposed functions of CIC, the wording of clause 5 could be modified to reflect the concern expressed by union representatives. But in so doing, we must ensure that the revised wording does not create encumbrance on other key industry sectors, and that it will not impose an undue restraint on the future operation of CIC. A form of wording will be made available to the Bills Committee after further discussions with the stakeholders concerned.

Yours sincerely,


(Clement Cheung)

for Secretary for the Environment,
Transport and Works

Tentative List of Nominating Organizations

(A) Employers

- Airport Authority
- Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong
- Hong Kong Housing Society
- Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation
- MTR Corporation

(B) Professionals/Consultants

- Hong Kong Institute of Architects
- Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects
- Hong Kong Institute of Planners
- Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors
- Hong Kong Institution of Engineers

(C) Contractors/Subcontractors & Material/Equipment Suppliers

- Contractors' Authorised Signatory Association
- Hong Kong Construction Association
- Hong Kong Construction Materials Association
- Hong Kong Construction Sub-contractors Association
- Hong Kong Federation of Electrical and Mechanical Contractors
- Hong Kong General Building Contractors Association
- Hong Kong Hydraulic Truck Cranes Association
- Hong Kong Licensed Plumbers Association
- Registered Elevator and Escalator Contractors Association