Our Ref: CASA-03(11)-04L 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2004

Clerk to Subcommittee
Legislative Council Secretariat
3/F Citibank Tower
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Hong Kong

Attn: Mrs. Mary Tang

Dear Mrs. Tang,

Re: Subcommittee on Waste Disposal (Designated Waste Disposal Facility)
(Amendment) Regulation 2004 and Waste Disposal (Charges for Disposal of Construction Waste) Regulation

Thank you for your letter of which faxed to us on  $12^{th}$  November 2004 (Your Ref: CB1/SS/2/04).

In view of the captioned Regulation that will impose to construction industry, we write to express our deeply concern for the said deposit as follow:

- 1. We agreed that the theme of the regulation is to reduce waste in the construction industry and the implementation of the regulation will encourage the reduction of construction waste. However, the deposit system is really a heavy burden to the small to medium size construction firms like us, especially in this hard time during economic reform.
- 2. We request for waive of deposit for all Contractors with Government Registry, either under Environment, Transport and Works Bureau, Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau or Buildings Department. We suggest Environment Department shall directly bill to the relevant contractor monthly for payment and allow for 14 days honoring period.
- 3. As there is an existing payment system for contractor to pay the levies to Government, we suggest the same payment system shall apply for this charges for disposal of construction waste.

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We, as the daily operator and supervisor of construction site, concern very much about the operation in classify what type of the waste shall be whenever the trucks arrived on the landfills. In this connection, we request for a trial period of at least 6 months before the disposal charge scheme is implemented.

We will attend your meeting on 25 November 2004 to give oral presentation of our concern to this regulation that affect the survival of our members.

Should you require any further information concerning with our opinion, please do not hesitate to contact our secretary Miss. Tse at 26090722.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours faithfully,

For and on behalf of

Contractor's Authorised Signatory Association Ltd.

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Chairman