

Our Ref: CASA-04(11)-04L(R)

2nd December 2004

Clerk to Subcommittee
Legislative Council Secretariat
3/F Citibank Tower
3 Garden Road, Central, 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**

Further to our letter dated 22nd November 2004 (Our Ref:CASA-03(11)-04L) expressing our concern to the captioned subject.

We have attended meeting on 25th November 2004 in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building to give our oral presentation. Subsequently, we have met with officers of Environment, Transport and Works Bureau (ETWB), Environment Protection Department (EPD) and Civil Engineering and Development Department (CED) on 30th November 2004 to further discuss the arrangement of the deposit and mutually agreed that:

1. For project over HK\$1M, Registered Contractor shall open an account in EPD and deposit a sum of HK\$25,000.00 or pro rata. EPD will issue a chit book containing 500 Nos. of chits to the contractor.
2. Every truck arrive on EPD's landfill/waste disposal site shall present a chit to record the details of dumping and EPD will bill to relevant Registered Contractor for payment.
3. Payment terms for the disposal charge shall be paid within 45 days.
4. ETWB will check whether it is possible to use the same account for different site under the same contractor.

However, we have been verbally informed by EPD on today that:

1. The said deposit will not be HK\$25,000.00 containing 500 Nos. of chits. Instead, chit book containing 150 Nos. of chits and the deposit will be HK\$15,000.00 or pro rata.

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2. According to regulations, it is not possible to use the same account for different site even under same contractor.

We are very disappointed for the proposal made by government as our opinions, even agreement, are not being respected.

As mentioned previously, it is a difficult time for us, small and medium contractors, to survive in this economic reform period. Especially, for those sites formation works soil disposal is an important part of the contract, HK\$50 increment per truck is really a heavy burden for those daily disposal over hundred trucks.

We hope your esteem Council would consider the difficulties of the industry and the unemployment rate is still on the high side of 18% and we welcome to further discuss with your office in any convenience time.

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
c.c. – Hon. Choy So-yuk (Chairman)
c.c. – All Members