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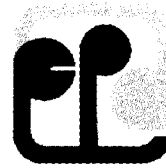
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Dear Mrs. TANG,

EA Panel Meeting on 28 March 2007 (Agenda item IV)

The subject of “Emissions Trading Pilot Scheme for Thermal Power Plants in the Pearl River Delta Region” was discussed at the captioned meeting. Members requested the Administration to provide in due course information on the amount of emissions from thermal power plants in the Pearl River Delta Region.

The Mid-term Review of the Pearl River Delta Air Quality Management Plan jointly conducted by the Guangdong Provincial Environmental Protection Bureau and the Hong Kong Environmental Protection Department in 2006 – 07 assessed the emission trend of the key air pollutants from power plants, namely sulphur dioxide, nitrogen dioxides and respirable suspended particulates. Information on the amount of emissions generated by thermal power plants in Hong Kong and the Guangdong Province Economic Zone in 2003 as well as their projected emissions for 2010 is given in the Review report. These figures are now extracted and tabulated below for Members’ reference.

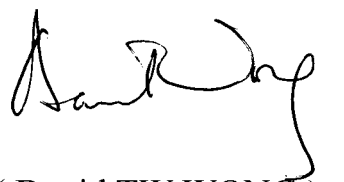
Emissions from thermal power plants in the Pearl River Delta Region

Unit: thousand tones

Year	Region	Sulphur dioxide (SO ₂)	Nitrogen oxides (NO _x)	Respirable suspended particulates (RSP)
Level in 2003	Hong Kong	83.9	54.8	2.3
	PRD Economic Zone	435.4	144.0	87.9
	Entire PRD Region	519.3	198.8	90.2
Projected level for 2010	Hong Kong	25.1	42.6	1.3
	PRD Economic Zone	85.8	167.2	9.8
	Entire PRD Region	110.9	209.8	11.1

The findings of the Mid-term Review Report were released in January 2008 and they are accessible at the websites of the Guangdong Provincial Environmental Protection Bureau and the Hong Kong Environmental Protection Department.

Yours sincerely,



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