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(Attn : Mrs Sharon Tong)

Dear Mrs Tong,

LegCo Panel on Manpower Meeting

Penalties of Occupational Safety and Health Offences

At the LegCo Panel on Manpower meeting held on 21 December 2006, during the discussion on Hong Kong's Occupational Safety Performance in 1st half of 2006, we undertook to provide a written response on the penalties imposed by the Court on occupational safety and health offences for Members' information.

The Labour Department administers the Factories and Industrial Undertakings Ordinance ("FIUO"), the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance ("OSHO") and the Boilers and Pressure Vessels Ordinance ("BPVO") and their subsidiary legislation to ensure the safety and health of people at work. The maximum penalties for breaching the provisions of the above safety legislation range from a fine of \$5,000 to \$500,000 and imprisonment of five years depending on the gravity of the offences.

In 2006, a total of 1,781 summonses on occupational safety and health were heard and convicted by the Court. Figures on the total fines, average fines and highest fines of these summonses are as follows :-

Related Ordinance	Number of Summonses convicted	Total fines (\$)	Average fines (\$)	Highest fines (\$)
FIUO	1,488	11,811,700	7,938	100,000
OSHO	252	1,594,500	6,327	50,000
BPVO	41	127,700	3,115	6,000
Total	1,781	13,533,900	7,599	100,000

Yours sincerely,



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