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Panel on Environmental Affairs
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(Attn: Mrs Mary TANG)

Dear Mrs Tang,

**LegCo Panel on Environmental Affairs—
Views on Review of the generic chemical oxygen demand (COD) and Trade Effluent
Surcharge (TES) rates under the Trade Effluent Surcharge Scheme**

Thank you for your letter of 12 March 2008. Having consulted our relevant Division, we are pleased to provide herewith our views on the captioned subject.

The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE) is supportive of the use of Polluter-Pays Principle as an effective tool to heighten public environmental awareness and promote environmental-friendly operation of trades and industries.

We concur with the policy goal for the TES scheme in achieving full recovery of the attributable operating costs which is in line with the prudent principle of public financial management. We are also pleased to note that Government adopts a scientific basis for assessing the TES values based on generic COD values which reflect the strength of effluent of the trade concerned while being administratively and technically easy to measure.

The Institution welcomes the timely review of the TES rates to reflect the volatile nature of the concerned trades so as to ensure a fair and equitable share of the operating costs amongst households and trades.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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