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LegCo Secretariat
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(Attn: Ms Mandy POON)

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Dear Ms POON,

Public Consultation on Banning Idling Vehicles with Running Engines
Follow-up Response to Panel Meeting on 26 May 2008

At the Panel on Environmental Affairs meeting on 26 May 2008, the Administration was asked to provide the number of signatures collected during the consultation period which had indicated objection to the proposed ban on idling engines.

2. Our response is as follows -

During the consultation period, we received 1349 returns of questionnaires and 263 written submissions expressing specific views on the proposal. Among these written submissions, the letter of the Motor Transport Workers General Union ("Union"), which objected to the proposal, carried 5142 signatures.

We attach great importance to all the views gathered from the public consultation exercise, including those of the Union, and will carefully study all these views when finalising the control scheme.

Yours sincerely,

(Tony Y T Lee)

for Director of Environmental Protection