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Clerk to Public Works Subcommittee Legislative Council Secretariat Legislative Council Building 8 Jackson Road, Central Hong Kong (Attn: Ms Angel SHEK)

Dear Ms. SHEK,

Public Works Subcommittee Follow-up to meeting on 20 May 2009 PWSC(2009-10)16

We refer to your letter referenced CB1/F/2/6(II) of 22 May 2009 to the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury.

In considering the paper referenced PWSC(2009-10)16 on 233DS "Sludge treatment facilities", Members requested the Administration to provide supplementary information on the following -

- Addressing the concern of Hon WONG Kwok-hing, the Administration would provide updated information on the process and outcome of consultation with the Tuen Mun District Council on the construction of the proposed sludge treatment facilities in Tuen Mun.
- (b) Hon LEE Wing-tat expressed concern about the lack of overall planning in the provision of obnoxious public facilities among various districts in Hong Kong and the need to cap the development of such facilities in Tuen Mun. The relevant bureaux / departments were requested to coordinate among themselves in developing these facilities, and where necessary, bring the matter to a higher level of discussion with the Chief Secretary, so as to achieve a more effective coordination.

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The requested information is set out below for Members' reference -

Consultation with the Tuen Mun District Council

We have provided the updated information on consultation with the Tuen Mun District Council on the sludge treatment facilities project in the Note for Public Works Subcommittee of Finance Committee No. PWSCI(2009-10)3 issued on 22 May 2009. A copy is attached at Annex I for your easy reference.

Overall planning in the provision of public facilities

There is a well-established process within the Administration to coordinate planning of important projects and facilities. In the case of the sludge treatment facilities project, the Chief Secretary has asked the Environment Bureau to take the lead to coordinate with Transport and Housing Bureau, Development Bureau, Food and Health Bureau, Home Affairs Bureau and the relevant departments to consult and discuss with the Tuen Mun District Council, taking into account the overall development and planning of the district.

We should be grateful if you would distribute this letter to PWSC Members.

Yours faithfully,

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for Director of Environmental Protection

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c.c. Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Attn: Miss Belinda Wong)