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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 3 June 2009

Supplementary information pertaining to item PSWC(2009-10)31

We refer to your letter (referenced CB1/F/2/6(II)) of 4 June 2009 to the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, and write to provide the supplementary information requested.

In its consideration of the paper referenced PWSC(2009-10)31 on upgrading part of 12GB "Construction of a secondary boundary fence and new sections of primary boundary fence and boundary patrol road" to Category A, the Public Works Subcommittee requested the Administration to consider providing a new road immediately to the south of the proposed secondary boundary fence so as to facilitate the road access of residents who are currently allowed to use the boundary patrol road.

The area immediately to the south of the proposed secondary boundary fence will be released from the Frontier Closed Area (FCA) upon the completion of the construction of the secondary boundary fence.

Planning Department is undertaking a planning study for the areas to be released from the FCA with the objective of formulating a land use planning framework to guide the conservation and development of the area concerned. Stage 1 community engagement on the draft concept plan of the study was held between May and August 2008. On the basis of the public views collected, the expert consultants are preparing a more detailed draft development plan for Stage 2 community engagement to be held in mid-2009. Further public views on the land use of the area to be released from the FCA will be taken into account in the study. The study is expected to be completed by early 2010.

In taking forward the secondary boundary fence project, we have considered the impact of the proposed security measure on local residents who are currently allowed access to the boundary patrol road. We will provide a number of vehicular and pedestrian access gates along the secondary boundary fence to cater for individuals who need to access the boundary patrol road in future for bona fide purposes. Individuals assessed to have actual needs to access the boundary patrol road after the construction of the secondary boundary fence will, on application, be issued with Closed Area Permits and given access to the boundary patrol road.

Yours sincerely,

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