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(By fax 2511 3658 and mail)

Dear Ms. Hsia,

Product Eco-responsibility (Plastic Shopping Bags) Regulation

Thank you for your letter dated 20 August 2009.

We would like to reiterate our strong belief that the EPD should seize the momentum and extend the levy to all retail outlets in the territory in order to achieve more significant impact on waste reduction. With the positive response from the public towards the levy since its commencement, we do not see there is a need for the EPD to wait for another year for a full review.

In the meantime, we would like to further request you for the followings:

- (a) to organize a meeting of the Working Group, which we propose to be held in the third week of September; and
- (b) to provide to our Association and the LegCo full details of the landfill survey, which we understand was completed at the end of June.

You may recall that it was one of the follow-up actions arising from the Product Eco-responsibility (Plastic Shopping Bags) Regulation Subcommittee meeting on 19 March 2009 (CB(1)1119/08-09(02)) that the EPD agreed to provide more details on the dedicated survey on the disposal of plastic shopping bags to the Legislative Council Panel on Environmental Affairs.



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The EPD also agreed to further explore with the retail trade on how to review the effectiveness of the environmental levy scheme.

We trust that you will not delay the release of the landfill survey results and the convening of the Working Group meeting any longer. We earnestly hope to receive your confirmation of the meeting date, as well as the landfill survey results within next week.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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