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Legislative Council Building 8 Jackson Road, Central, Hong Kong (Attn: Ms Mary SO) (Fax: 2509 0775)

Dear Ms SO,

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene Reprovisioning of Cape Collinson Crematorium

At the Panel meeting on 14 July 2009, a Member asked for information on the environmental standards used by the Environmental Protection Department ("EPD") for cremators in Hong Kong and how these standards compared with the environmental standards for cremators promulgated by the World Health Organization ("WHO") and/or other recognised international organisation(s) with concern on whether the former were laxer than the latter.

According to the information provided by the EPD, the WHO has not set any gas emission limit for cremators in crematoria. The combustion emission standards for the new cremators are set by the EPD in accordance with its Guidance Notes on the Best Practicable Means for Incinerators (Crematoria) revised in 2006, which have adopted the most stringent emission limits with reference to the relevant standards of the United Kingdom and Germany.

The above-mentioned emission limits revised by the EPD in 2006 are applicable to the reprovisioned crematoria at Diamond Hill, Wo Hop Shek and Cape Collinson. Since the commissioning of the Diamond Hill Crematorium in 2007, its emissions have been monitored on a daily basis according to the licensing conditions under the Air Pollution Control Ordinance (Cap. 311), by continuous and immediate recording of emissions and the operation of cremators, as well as taking air emission samples regularly for testing. The records show that all emissions from the cremators fully comply with the respective limits. We will ensure that the emissions from the new cremators in Wo Hop Shek and Cape Collinson Crematoria meet the relevant requirements of the EPD upon their commissioning.

Besides, a Member requested the Administration to provide drawings of the cremation plant rooms of the reprovisioned Cape Collinson Crematorium. The proposed drawings of the cremation plant rooms of the new crematorium is at **Annex**.

Yours sincerely,

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