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Panel on Environmental Affairs
Legislative Council Secretariat
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(Attn: Mrs Mary TANG)

Dear Mrs Tang,

LegCo Panel on Environmental Affairs -Views on the Harbour Area Treatment Scheme Stage 2A

Thank you for your email of 16 December 2009 inviting the Institution to put forth our views on the captioned subject.

The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE) supports the Government's committed effort to clean up the harbour area by implementing Stage 2A in phases as clearly spelt out in our submissions during rounds of consultation back in 2004 and 2007. The remaining works of 341DS is of vital importance in cleaning up the Victoria Harbour by treating the remaining 25% (450,000 m³) of the sewage currently generated within the areas of North Point to Ap Lei Chau which are not handled by HATS Stage 1. We concur with the need of collecting the sewage to the expanded and upgraded Stonecutters Island Sewage Treatment Works for centralised treatment. Given the imminency of the target commissioning date of Stage 2A by end 2014 and the envisaged benefit of significant environmental improvement and job creation, we urge the Government to carry out these works as soon as possible without further delay.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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