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Ms Debbie Yau
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Legislative Council Secretariat
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By Fax (No. 2869 6794) Only

Dear Ms Yau,

**The validity period of the upcoming Berth License Agreements (BLAs)
for berths of the Public Cargo Working Areas**

I refer to the discussion on the captioned subject at the Economic Development Panel meetings in January and February 2011. I am writing to inform the Panel that after considering, amongst other things, the views of Panel members and the operators, the Administration has decided that the validity period for the BLAs for the upcoming tendering exercise would be extended from three to five years, i.e. from 1 August 2011 to 31 July 2016.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Tsang'.

(Mr. Joe Tsang)
for Secretary for Transport and Housing

c.c. Director of Marine (Attn: Mr. MK Chan)