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Select Committee to Study Mr LEUNG Chun-ying's Involvement as a Member of the Jury in the West Kowloon Reclamation Concept Plan Competition and Related Issues

Hearing on 14 April 2012

Written Statement of Prof Hon Patrick LAU

I gladly accept the invitation from the **Select Committee to Study Mr LEUNG Chun-ying's Involvement as a Member of the Jury in the West Kowloon Reclamation Concept Plan Competition and Related Issues** (Committee) to attend the hearing on 14 April 2012 and provide information concerning the declaration of interest mechanism and procedures, as well as the adjudication process respectively.

1. Declaration of interest mechanism and procedures

- 1.1 Regarding the declaration of interest mechanism and procedures, since the matter took place more than ten years ago, I have **NOT retained** the relevant **written documents**, and have only retained the concept plan proposals submitted to the Jury for assessment. Therefore, I can only prepare this written statement **based on my recollection with the help of available documents at hand**. Although I cannot clearly recall every detail, I shall **endeavour as best I can to assist** members of the Committee to understand the relevant matters.
- 1.2 I only have very vague impression of how I was appointed as a juror. I vaguely recalled that someone **rang** me and offered me an **invitation**, and I rendered a **verbal consent**. Thereafter, I received a letter of appointment.
- 1.3 **According to the written statement of Mr Eric JOHNSON (SC(2)(WK)Paper No.: W3(C))**, the two declaration of interest forms that were submitted late were both dated 25 February 2002; and according to a Legislative Council (LegCo) paper (**SC(2)(WK) Paper No.: A18(C)**), my declaration form was dated 25 February 2002, thereby leading me to believe I was **one of the jurors who had submitted the form late**. However, I **CANNOT recall why I submitted the form late**. It **may have been** caused by the **shortage of time**: just as Mr Eric JOHNSON has indicated, the declaration form was issued to jurors on 21 February 2002 (Thursday) and was required to be returned by 23 February 2002 (Saturday), within **only two days**.
- 1.4 According to Mr Eric JOHNSON's written statement, I believe I probably **submitted my declaration form at the first meeting of the Jury** on 25 February 2002. When I completed the last options on the form, I chose option (c) whilst deleted options (d) and (e).
- 1.5 The reason for my **choosing option (c)** was based on my **understanding at the time** that even though I was a director and shareholder of Meritor Investment Limited, as that company was **only a property holding investment company without any actual business operation**, I **did NOT consider any conflict of interest would arise** during the adjudication process, and thus there was **NO need to make any declaration**.

1.6 Since 2005, I have become a director of Design Consultants Limited. This directorship bears no relation at all to what happened in 2002. Please refer to my Declaration of Member's Interest Form submitted to LegCo on 6 October 2008 (*Annex A*).

2. **Adjudication process**

2.1 Regarding the **adjudication process**, according to my recollection, it more or less corresponded with the contents of the paper (LC Paper No. CB(2) 1198/11-12(01)) submitted by the Home Affairs Bureau at the House Committee meeting on 24 February this year. Therefore, there is **NOTHING that I would like to add.**

2.2 I so submit.

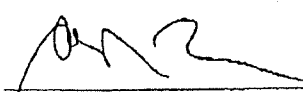


Patrick LAU
29 March 2012

Name of Member: LAU Sau Shing Patrick

<i>Registrable Interest</i>
Directorships
1. Do you have any remunerated directorships in any public or private company?
YES/NO (Please delete as appropriate)
If so, please list below. If the company concerned is a subsidiary of another company within the meaning of section 2(4) of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32), please provide the name of that other company.
<u>Director, Meritor Investment Limited – Investment</u>
<u>Director, Design Consultants Limited (Appointed on 31 December 2005)</u>
<u>Architect / Authorized Person</u>

- Notes:** (n) "Remunerated directorships" include all directorships for which a fee, honorarium, allowance or other material benefit is payable.
- (b) The term "material benefit" refers to (i) interests received from a single source in the course of one year where the total value of such interests exceeds 5% of the annual salary* of a Member of the Council (* excluding the general expenses allowance which covers expenses incurred by a Member in his work); or (ii) one-off material benefits exceeding \$10,000 in value. (This definition also applies to the term "material benefit" in categories 2, 4 and 6.)
- (c) Remunerated directorships of both local and overseas companies are registrable.
- (d) Remunerated directorships through corporate directors are also registrable. However, particulars of remunerated directorships through corporate directors need only be updated on an annual basis, at the beginning of each legislative session.
- (e) Where you are a remunerated director of a company, all subsidiary or associated directorships which you hold within the same group, whether remunerated or not, should also be registered.
- (f) You should give the name of the company, briefly stating the nature of the business of the company in each case.
- (g) Subsidiary of another company has the same meaning as in section 2(4) of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32)

Signature: 

Date: 06 OCT 2008

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