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Clerk to Public Works Subcommittee
Legislative Council Secretariat
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(Attn: Ms. Sharon CHUNG)

Dear Ms. CHUNG,

**Legislative Council
Public Works Subcommittee
Follow-up to meeting on 16 April 2014
177DR –Integrated Waste Management Facilities Phase 1**

Thank you for your updated list of follow-up actions vide email dated 23 April 2014. We are pleased to provide below our responses with regard to the Integrated Waste Management Facilities Phase 1:

Item PWSC (2014-15) 7: At the request of Hon Albert CHAN, the Administration would -

- (a) *conduct a thorough search to find out whether in the 1980s the then Hong Kong Government had entered into an international agreement under which it had undertaken to make Lantau South, an area near Shek Kwu Chau, a Coastal Protection Area, and what obligations the Government had to fulfill under the agreement; and*

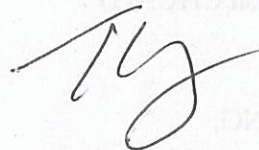
We have coordinated a thorough search with relevant departments and cannot find any record of the Government entering into any international agreement that makes South Lantau Coastal Protection Area.

(b) *respond on whether it would undertake not to dredge marine sand from Hong Kong Waters for use in the reclamation works for developing Integrated Waste Management Facilities Phase 1 near Shek Kwu Chau.*

We do not envisage the need to dredge marine sand¹ from Hong Kong Waters for use in the reclamation works for developing Integrated Waste Management Facilities Phase 1 near Shek Kwu Chau.

Should you have any enquiries, please feel free to contact the undersigned at 2872 1680.

Yours sincerely,



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¹Dredging a marine borrow area is a designated project under the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance and is subject to stringent controls to ensure no adverse impact will be caused by such activity.