LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PANEL ON DEVELOPMENT

PWP Item No. 5751CL – Planning and Engineering Study on Sunny Bay Reclamation

Follow-up Actions to Meetings on 28 February and 28 March 2017

The Administration provides the supplementary information as required by the Panel as follows.

(5) Given that a 60-hectare site had been reserved for many years for the Phase 2 development of the Hong Kong Disneyland Resort, the Administration was requested to provide information on the timetable for taking forward the said development.

The Hong Kong Disneyland Resort ("HKDL") is a major component of the tourism infrastructure in Hong Kong. Pursuing the Phase 2 development of HKDL is one of the possible proposals of the resort's overall development in future that the Government and The Walt Disney Company will continue to explore. Under the Option Deed, the Hongkong International Theme Parks Limited has an option to buy the site planned for the Phase 2 development. The option is valid until 2020, with two five-year extensions according to the conditions of the Option Deed. The site currently can, in accordance with the permitted land uses under the Deed of Restrictive Covenant, be used for different short-term uses, such as recreational facilities and sports facilities.

(8)(a) Given that there had been previous cases that it was found during the construction of certain railway projects that the actual ground properties were different from the geological information obtained by ground investigations, how the Administration could ensure that adequate site investigation works would be conducted in respect of the proposed Sunny Bay reclamation, so that the information obtained would accurately reflect the actual situation.

To ensure that we can obtain adequate information to reflect the site geological conditions, we will allocate sufficient provisions in the project estimates to carry out site investigation works in two different stages of project implementation.

During the planning and engineering study stage (i.e. the current study), we will conduct the first-stage site investigation works, including marine boreholes and laboratory tests to determine the general geological conditions of the proposed reclamation site.

In the subsequent detailed design stage, the second-stage site investigation works will be carried out to acquire more detailed geological information to facilitate the design of the reclamation works and associated infrastructures.

(8)(b) The definition of "fisheries" (漁業) used in an Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA"), and how the Administration would examine and address the impact of the proposed Sunny Bay reclamation on the practices of the fisheries industry (漁業) (but not fisheries resources (漁業 資源)) in the proposed planning and engineering study.

According to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Ordinance, fisheries impact assessment is required for a proposed development which may affect fishing and aquaculture activities, fisheries resources and habitats, and aquaculture sites. The assessment scope mainly includes the size of affected area, loss of fisheries resources, destruction and disturbance of nursery and spawning grounds, and impact on fishing and aquaculture activities.

Apart from the above-mentioned fisheries impact assessment required under the EIA Ordinance, we will conduct a detailed investigation on the impact to the fisheries industry due to the proposed reclamation project. During the current study, we will conduct community engagement exercises and seek the views of the fishermen and mariculturists on the impacts of the proposed reclamation project on fisheries industry, and will propose appropriate mitigation measures and refined options for enhancing fisheries industry.

(8)(c) Whether the Administration would provide the report on the engineering feasibility studies for proposed reclamation at Sunny Bay to the Panel; if yes, the report; if no, the reasons.

We have conducted an engineering feasibility study for the proposed near-shore reclamation at Sunny Bay with the main objective of assessing the potential cumulative impact due to Sunny Bay reclamation and other planned and on-going reclamation projects in the western waters and carrying out on-site survey of Chinese white dolphins. Relevant report can be downloaded from the following link:-

 (i) Report on "Cumulative Environmental Impact Assessment Study for the Three <u>Potential Near-shore Reclamation Sites in the Western Waters of</u> <u>Hong Kong"</u> <u>http://www.cedd.gov.hk/eng/landsupply/doc/Executive%20Summary%20</u> <u>on%20Final%20Report(S2)b.pdf</u>

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