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(Attn : Mrs Mary Tang)

Dear Mrs Tang,

**Submission from the Hong Kong  
Metal Merchants Association**

I refer to the submission from the Hong Kong Metal Merchants Associations at the Special EA Panel Meeting on 8 December 1998.

As stated in the Waste Reduction Framework Plan, and repeated many times in various fora, the Administration supports material reuse, recovery and recycling to help achieve waste reduction. The Plan sets out a package of measures which, when implemented, would provide strong market incentives which encourage recycling of useable material. These measures apply to different types of waste including waste paper, scrap metal and so on.

The Administration intends to make available suitable land for recycling activities. A site of about 16,000 square metres in Sheung Shui has been let in 1998 for metal recycling operations. Other suitable sites would be identified in the coming months.

We appreciate that the metal recycling industries are facing a difficult business environment in these times of economic downturn like many other sectors. However, it is well established public policy that the Administration will not interfere directly with the operation of the market place

without good reason. The Metal Merchants Association, like the waste paper trade, is free to submit proposals for support or funding in line with the measures contained in the Waste Reduction Framework Plan. We have made it clear in our meetings with the recycling trade we will not exclude the metal recyclers. However, they have shown little interest or involvement so far.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 2848 2979.

Yours sincerely,

(Daniel SIN)  
for Secretary  
for Planning, Environment and Lands