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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Construction of an International Theme Park in Penny's Bay of North Lantau and its Essential Associated Infrastructures

Comments of WWF Hong Kong submitted to the Environmental Affairs Panel of the Legislative Council April 2000

- 1 WWF Hong Kong reviewed the EIA report for the construction of an international theme park at Penny's Bay of North Lantau and its essential associated infrastructures, with particular focus on the ecological assessment
- 2. WWF Hong Kong concludes that the ecological assessment has underestimated the possible impacts of the construction works on the ecological sensitive receivers, and consequently led to inadequate mitigation measures being proposed. The effectiveness of many of the proposed mitigations have yet to be substantiated, and hence contrary to what's been claimed in the EIA reports, there are residual ecological impacts.
- 3. WWF Hong Kong recommends further mitigations, especially in the following aspects:

3.1 Marine Ecology

- i. Submission and review of an EIA for the identified marine borrow area (East Lamma) prior to commencement of reclamation;
- ii. Use of drained method for reclamation (instead of dredged method) drained reclamation takes longer but does not require dredging of contaminated bottom sediments:
- iii. Designation of artificial reefs (ARs) deployment areas as Marine Parks and/or no-fishing zones (otherwise uncontrolled fishing over ARs may aggravate overfishing as fish aggregate among ARs);
- iv. Longer term post-construction monitoring of sloping seawall for hard coral establishment, and in case of non-establishment of corals undertake additional mitigations and/or translocation of coral polyps;
- v. As a precautionary measure, designate other Chinese White Dolphin habitats (such as Fan Lau, southwest Lantau, and northeast Lantau) as Marine Parks;

3.2 Terrestrial Ecology

- i. Long term post-establishment monitoring of transplanted vegetation and mitigation planting, plus designation of these areas as Country Parks, with effective fire breaks, to ensure long term survival of the vegetation;
- ii. Protection, either through land use zoning, or preferably by designation/ extension of Country Parks, of White-bellied Sea Eagle nesting habitats, such as Sunshine Island and Green Island;
- iii Re-routing of access trails to the lookout area in Tsing Chau Tsai to avoid impacting the Mong Tung Hang Stream which provides habitats to the locally



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4. WWF Hong Kong finds the subject study's cumulative impact assessment to be inadequate. In particular, there is little discussion of the possible impacts resulting from other adjoining developments catalysed by the theme park. To safeguard the remaining areas of ecological significance and high landscape/visual value, especially in south Lantau, the Administration should delineate South Lantau as "no-go" area, and expedite the provision of public sewage treatment facilities or connection to the villages there.