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Attention : Ms Sarah Yuen

Dear Madam,

Construction Industry Council (No. 2) Bill

We respond to your invitation of 8 November 2004 to give views on the above Bill.

MTR Corporation Ltd. has actively participated in the deliberations of the Construction Industry Review Committee and the Provisional Construction Industry Coordination Board. We strongly support the initiatives pursued by these two bodies to achieve improvements in the construction industry.

The Corporation equally strongly supports the proposed formation of the Construction Industry Council and its objectives as set out in the Bill. Particularly, we attach high importance to the Council representing all sectors of the industry including workers and subcontractors through to major clients, with the private sector assuming a dominant role.

Given a wide range of statutory powers conferred to the Council, we are confident that the construction industry will be able to achieve self-regulation and should be allow to do so.

We are also firmly of the view that it is highly desirable, both in the interests of the Hong Kong community and of the construction industry, that the Council benefits from a flexible membership made up of leaders representing key sectors who sit in a personal capacity with the autonomy to contribute actively drawing from their experience. Whilst industry bodies may suggest candidates for appointment, the selection must be done based on personal capability to contribute to the work of the Council.

Such a flexible but competitive process would ensure that the Council could be served by suitable talents to fulfill its leadership role.

Yours faithfully,

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