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Mr Andy Lau
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Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways
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Dear Andy,

**Legislative Council Panel on Transport
Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways**

At the Subcommittee meeting on 1 August 2006, Members requested the Administration to provide a written response on the Administration's consideration for not penalizing Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation ("KCRC") in the East Rail underframe equipment mounting incident. Members also asked for KCRC's implementation programme on the follow-up to Government's recommendations following the said incident. Our reply is set out below.

Under the existing legislation, railway corporations may be penalized if they do not comply with the Government's directives to carry out works to ensure railway safety. In the East Rail underframe equipment mounting incident, although cracks appeared on the underframe equipment mounting of East Rail trains, KCRC did carry out immediate remedial measures which were assessed by Government to be safe. As such, it was decided that no penalty should be imposed for this incident.

— KCRC has prepared the enclosed paper to set out the implementation programme of the Corporation's follow-up to Government's recommendations on rectifying the East Rail underframe equipment mounting cracks.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this to members of the Subcommittee for information.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs Hedy Chu)
for Secretary for the Environment,
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(Attn: Mr Raymond Wong)

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