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Hon. Audrey Eu Yuet-mee
Chairman, Panel on Environmental Affairs,
Legislative Council
Room 601, Citibank Tower
3 Garden Road
Central
Hong Kong

**RE: Requesting the Panel on Environmental Affairs to look
into CLP Holdings' proposal to build an LNG Terminal at Sokos
Islands**

Dear Audrey

Thank you very much for your support for our ongoing efforts to protect Hong Kong's precarious marine resources. As you are aware, the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) approved the EIA report of CLP Holdings' (CLP) Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Receiving Terminal and Associated Facilities.

WWF regards EPD's approval as a bad precedent not only for Hong Kong but also for the world as similar LNG terminals in marine ecologically sensitive have been rejected by three US state governments. WWF considers the construction of an LNG terminal in an endorsed Marine Park, i.e. Sokos Islands, is unacceptable to Hong Kong and the world at large. We are concerned that this ill-conceived decision will be used in future to justify further encroachments on the world's marine environment.

WWF considers that the EIA has significantly underestimated the effects of the Open Rack Vaporizer (ORV) technology on fisheries resources, Chinese white dolphins and the wider ecosystem. We reject the EIA findings in relation to ORV in these respects, and believe the Advisory Council of the Environment

Open Rack Vaporizer (ORV) technology on fisheries resources, Chinese white dolphins and the wider ecosystem. We reject the EIA findings in relation to ORV in these respects, and believe the Advisory Council of the Environment (ACE) and EPD were wrong in endorsing the EIA report. We are equally concerned that the EIA did not take into account the cumulative effects of various other projects, such as Container Terminal 10, the Zuhai/Macao bridge, and the possible construction of a third runway at Chep Lap Kok airport, on the Chinese white dolphins' habitat. These are serious depletions of the both the living space of the dolphin and its supporting food chain.

We therefore hope the EA Panel will include this urgent matter on its agenda for further discussion.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Bohm', with a horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

Eric Bohm,
CEO, WWF Hong Kong