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31 December 2007

Ms. Anita SIT Legislative Council Secretariat Council Business Division 1 3rd floor, Citibank Tower, 3 Garden Road, Hong Kong (By Fax: 2185 7845)

Dear Ms Sit,

Panel on Development List of follow-up actions

Environmental Protection Department

5 Gloucester Road.

Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

I refer to the "list of follow-up actions" of the Panel on Development. The Administration has been asked to provide information about the amount of private land included in the existing and proposed conservation zones under the Revised Concept Plan for Lantau and that whether the existing interests and rights of owners of private land in these zones would be affected. I set out our responses as below:

> "About 12,470 hectares of land on Lantau are zoned for conservation, including country parks, Sites of Special Scientific Interest, Conservation Area, Coastal Protection Area and Green Belt. Out of these 12,470 hectares of land, about 570 hectares are private land. Under the Revised Concept Plan for Lantau, an additional 2,360 hectres of land are proposed for country park extension, in which no private land is included.

> For land designated as country parks, owners or occupiers may continue to enjoy the lots for the purposes set out in the government grant, unless those purposes reduce the amenities of the country parks. In that event, they are entitled to claim compensation as stipulated in section 19 of the Country Parks Ordinance."

> > Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

(Vincent TANG) for Director of Environmental Protection