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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PANEL ON PLANNING, LANDS AND WORKS

Subcommittee to Review the Planning for the Central Waterfront (including the Tamar Site)

Coordination between Tamar Development Project and Central Waterfront Promenade

PURPOSE

In response to Members' requests, this paper provides information on the coordination between the Tamar Development Project and the Central waterfront promenade.

TAMAR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

- 2. The tender period for the design-and-build contract of the Tamar Development Project ended on 16 February 2007. Given the importance and uniqueness of the project, the Government has, on an unprecedented basis, launched a two-month public viewing exercise since 28 March 2007 amidst the tender assessment process of this public works project. The public is invited to view the four tender designs and comment on their design and aesthetic aspects.
- 3. The Government has engaged an independent consultant, the Public Policy Research Institute of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, to collate and analyse all the public views collected. The consultant will submit a report on its findings to the Special Selection Board for the Tamar Development Project which will take the public views into account when assessing the design and aesthetic aspects of the tenders before the final selection.

- 4. We aim to award the contract and commence construction works before the end of 2007, for completion around the end of 2010.
- 5. The Government places heavy emphasis on the compatibility of the development of Tamar and the future Central waterfront promenade. Although the Central waterfront promenade is not part of the Tamar Development Project, the Government has requested the tenderers for the Tamar project to include a conceptual design of the area into their tender submissions, with a view to demonstrating how the Tamar development would blend in with the new Central waterfront development. The conceptual design of the waterfront promenade of the Tamar winning tender will provide a useful reference for the formulation of the design concept for the waterfront promenade.

CENTRAL WATERFRONT PROMENADE

Central Reclamation Urban Design Study

- 6. The final design concept for the Central waterfront promenade would hinge on the recommendations of the "Central Reclamation Urban Design Study" being undertaken by the Planning Department. As explained in the Government's information paper submitted to this Subcommittee in September 2006 (ref: CB(1)2219/05–06(1)), the Study is undertaken in response to the request of the Town Planning Board with the objectives of refining the existing urban design framework on the relevant outline zoning plans and preparing planning/design briefs to guide future development of the key sites in the Central reclamation, including the waterfront promenade. The study area is shown on the plan at the **Annex**. Sites within the Study Area that have been developed or have been committed with development plan (e.g. the Tamar Development Project) would not be affected.
- 7. The Central Reclamation Urban Design Study is scheduled for completion around end-2007/early 2008. Public engagement is an integral part of the study process. The public will be engaged through workshops and other appropriate engagement sessions.

COORDINATION BETWEEN TAMAR AND CENTRAL WATERFRONT PROMENADE

8. In the Tamar Development Project, tenderers are required to ensure connectivity of their design of the Tamar site with the waterfront promenade. Their designs should also respond to the natural context of the surrounding areas, including its unique waterfront setting. In finalising the recommendations of the Central Reclamation Urban Design Study, the Government will take into account the conceptual design of the waterfront promenade of the winning tender for the Tamar project.

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