For reference Annex

Head 711 – Housing B566CL – Development at Anderson Road

Second Progress Report (for the period from January 2009 to June 2010)

At the meeting of the Public Works Subcommittee (PWSC) of the Finance Committee held on 22 November 2007, the Administration agreed to provide reports on the PWP item B566CL – Development at Anderson Road, on a regular basis, to keep Members of the Legislative Council abreast of the project progress, in particular the impact of the construction works on the nearby residents and the effectiveness of the mitigation measures.

2. We submitted the first progress report on 30 March 2009, covering the period from January to December 2008. The second progress report for the period from January 2009 to June 2010 is set out below:

Progress

- (a) The progress of the project has been satisfactory with about 35% of the works completed up to end-June 2010. Rock blasting, earthworks, construction of slopes, retaining structures and highway structures are in progress.
- (b) We have taken into account the public's views and reviewed the pedestrian connectivity between the existing adjoining housing estates and the proposed public housing development and the future transport facilities at Anderson Road. The revised road layout and the footbridge alignments were gazetted in November 2009. The number of footbridges has been increased to four. A plan showing the revised road layout and alignments of the footbridges is at Enclosure 1. We are reviewing the implementation programme of the revised footbridge scheme to meet the public housing development programme at Anderson Road.

Measures to mitigate impact on nearby residents

(c) We will continue to adopt the following mitigation measures to reduce impact to nearby residents:

- provide temporary fences, silenced mechanical equipment, noise barriers, covers to dump trucks, water-spraying, etc., to mitigate environmental and traffic impacts;
- install innovative acoustic enclosure on all hydraulic breakers on-site to reduce the noise emission during rock excavation;
- set up crushing plant on site to eliminate the noise emission during rock breaking; and
- provide paving to temporary haul roads within the site area as dust control measure.

The above measures were generally effective. The measurements at sensitive receivers next to nearby residential areas indicate that the levels of construction noise and dust are within the relevant administrative or statutory limit. The vibration and noise caused by rock blasting are generally at a very low level.

(d) During the reporting period, we have held eight Residents Liaison Group (RLG) meetings / site visits. The Group is functioning effectively as a platform of communication with the local residents and other stakeholders. Furthermore, we have received six commendation letters from the Kwun Tong District Councillors on the concerted effort of Civil Engineering and Development Department, the consultants and the contractor in the satisfactory and smooth implementation of site works and the conscientious arrangement of RLG meetings and site visits for the resident representatives.

Forthcoming targets

- (e) We will continue to carry out rock blasting and earthworks cautiously. We will also continue the construction of slopes, retaining structures and highway structures for forming the future internal road network of the development.
- (f) We will complete the formation works as scheduled and provide the formed platforms at the southern portion of the site for the public housing development in October 2011.
- (g) We will continue to liaise closely with the local residents and District Council members, listen to their suggestions and concerns, monitor the

impact of construction works on nearby residents and implement suitable mitigation measures to minimize the adverse impacts.

3. Members are invited to note the second Progress Report of the development at Anderson Road.

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