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Clerk to Public Works Subcommittee Legislative Council Secretariat Legislative Council Building 8 Jackson Road, Central Hong Kong

(Attn: Ms Angel SHEK)

Dear Ms Shek,

Public Works Subcommittee Follow-up to Meeting on 8 April 2009

<u>Supplementary Information on grading of Fanling Wai as historic building</u> <u>Pertaining to Item PWSC (2009-10)1</u>

We refer to your letter referenced CB1/F/2/6(II) of 9 April 2009 to the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury.

In considering the paper referenced PWSC(2009-10)1 on upgrading of 348DS to Category A – "North District and Tolo Harbour sewerage, sewage treatment and disposal – regional sewerage works, part 1 – sewerage upgrade", a Member requested for information on the grading of the Fanling Wai as historic building. We would like to provide the Administration's response as follows.

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The concerned graded historic building located in the vicinity of the works areas of the project as mentioned in PWSC (2009-10)1 refers to the "Entrance Tower" of Fanling Wai. It is currently a Grade II historic building*. Apart from the Entrance Tower, there are a few other historic buildings in the Fanling Wai area, but they are all far away from the works area. Measures will be taken under the project to ensure no adverse impact will be posed to the historic buildings in the area.

We should be grateful if you would distribute this letter to PWSC Members.

Yours sincerely,

(TSUI Wai)

for Director of Drainage Services

* In the "Results of the Assessment of 1 444 Historic Buildings" recently released by the Antiquities and Monuments Office in March 2009, the said Entrance Tower together with the Watchtower (Southwest) and the Watchtower (Northwest) of Fanling Wai (which are also located in the vicinity of the works area of the project) are proposed to be accorded Grade III status subject to public consultation and endorsement by the Antiquities Advisory Board in the meantime.

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