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(Attn: Miss Becky YU)

1 June 2012

Dear Miss YU,

Panel on Environmental Affairs
Follow-up to meeting on 28 May 2012
on Trial of Electric Buses by Franchised Bus Companies

As requested by Members at the meeting of the Panel on Environmental Affairs ("EA Panel") on 28 May 2012, we enclose the relevant terms regarding the procurement of environmentally friendly buses in the new franchises granted in April 2012 to New World First Bus Services Limited, Citybus Limited (Franchise 2) and Long Win Bus Company Limited.

We should be grateful if you would distribute the terms to Members of the EA Panel.

Yours sincerely,

(Henry C.P. CHIN)

for Director of Environmental Protection

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ANNEX

Clause on the Procurement of Environmentally Friendly Buses in the New Franchises of New World First Bus Services Limited (Clause 26), Citybus Limited (Franchise 2) (Clause 27) and Long Win Bus Company Limited (Clause 27)

(Only available in English version)

(1) When acquiring new buses and setting specifications for such acquisition, the Grantee shall, as far as reasonably practicable:–

(a) adopt the latest commercially available and proven technologies to reduce noise emissions; and

(b) acquire the most environmentally friendly buses in terms of vehicle exhaust emission (with the ultimate objective of acquiring zero emission buses), that are technologically proven and commercially available

taking into account feasibility in terms of operational and passenger service requirements and affordability for the Grantee and passengers.

(2) The Grantee shall adopt, at such time and in such manner, such commercially available and proven technologies and products on its buses as the Commissioner may reasonably specify after consultation with the Grantee for the purpose of reducing exhaust and noise emissions in the operation of the Bus Service.