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Legislative Council of Hong Kong SAR

Panel on Transport

Attention to: Chairman Hon Andrew Cheng, Deputy Chairman Hon Cheung Hok-ming and the other members,

Re: Legislative Council Panel on Transport: Use of Electric Vehicles on Expressways, LC Paper No. CB (1) 961/11-12(03)

Dear Madams and Sirs,

This letter is in regards to the Panel discussion that took place on 6th February 2012 regarding the use of Electric Vehicles on Expressways. Specifically, from that Panel discussion, we understood that the Administration proposed to amend regulation 4(1) of the Road Traffic (Expressway) Regulations (Cap. 374Q) in order to allow private electric vehicles with 7 kilowatts or more rated power output, to run on the expressway without need for any separate expressway permit. We welcome the proposal and urge the Administration to accelerate the proposed exemption.

As the importer and wholesaler of world-class leading EVs, we receive numerous inquiries regarding the need for expressway permits. Most people cannot understand the rationale for complying with expressway permit requirements for Tesla Roadsters, which are high performance electric sport cars. In addition, requiring such permits has created an obstacle for the promotion of EVs in HK. Again, we welcome discussion on a permanent exemption from expressway permits for highway capable EVs and we urge the Administration to pass this exemption at the earliest possible opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Yu", is written over a horizontal line.

Kevin Yu

4/28/2012

Director, Tesla Motors HK Ltd.