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Ms. Tai,

West Kowloon Reclamation Competition Disclosure of Information

We refer to your letters on the above subject matter including your recent letter dated 28 February 2012 requesting our permission for the disclosure of information. We note that the information referred to comprise the above Competition Form, your letters and our email to you related to the above.

We are prepared to consent to the disclosure of the above information on condition that this letter is also disclosed at the same time with the rest of the above information, the reason being that we believe that the Panel is entitled to further clarification with regard to our role on the Competition.

At the outset of the Competition, we were approached by the Hong Kong architect firm of LWK Architects who enquired whether we could team up with them for the Competition. Our role was to be that of the Concept Designer, to which we agreed.

As LWK Architects were the local Hong Kong architects that initiated the participation in the Competition, and given that we had no office in Hong Kong nor were we familiar with the local practice and local consultants who could provide the required design support to our design, LWK as the 'leading architect' led the project to establish the Project Team. It is important that you note that except for Benoy (the international specialist retail architect that was recommended by us), the rest of the Project Team members, including DTZ were put together by LWK. We had no role whatsoever in the selection of these Project Team members.

We should make it absolutely clear and in no uncertain terms that we do not know anyone from DTZ nor have any contact with them before or after the competition whatsoever.

The original intention was that as LWK was leading the project, LWK shall be the Lead Architect. In some countries (e.g. In Singapore, the local architect is regarded as the 'Lead Architect', being professionally and legally registered to practice and in that country).

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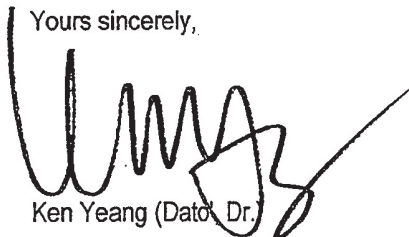
We note the Competition Form was to be signed by the Lead Architect that meant that the copyright to the design would by implication rest with the Lead Architect. As the Concept Architect we were naturally concerned that under such an arrangement with LWK Architects as the Lead Architect, there would be an implicit acknowledgement on our part that the copyright to our design would belong to LWK Architects, which was obviously unacceptable to us.

It was finally decided that we would sign the Form as the Lead Architect in order to protect our copyright, although in reality LWK was responsible for leading the project. While we did the design concept, all other administrative matters including the filling in of the Competition Form was undertaken by LWK, to which in good faith we put our signature to it. We had no reason to doubt that in putting together the Project Team, LWK would duly and fully undertake all necessary checks to ensure that the rules, terms and conditions of the Competition were fully complied with, including the need to ensure that there was no conflict of interest.

We sincerely hope that the above clarifies our position and wish to assure you that we shall be pleased to provide further clarification as necessary.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



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