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Legislative Council member,  
Legislative Panel on Transport,

This is a formal objection to the construction of additional pier floors at Central Piers Nos. 4, 5 and 6 which has been tabled for discussion on 24 May 2013 (Paper - CB(1)1059/12-13(07) refers).

This project has been justified on a number of grounds, including to provide assistance to the ferry operators to sustain the financial viability of the ferry services, including cross-subsidise the operation of these ferry services

One of the ferry companies which will be subsidised in this project is **New World First Ferry**, who operate some of the worst dark smoke polluting vessels in Hong Kong. For examples of dark smoke pollution by **New World First Ferry** vessels, please see the photographs in the attached link:

<http://hongkongpollutionwatch.blogspot.hk/2013/05/objection-to-construction-of-additional.html>

All of these photographs were taken in a four month period, between November 2012 and February 2013, in the vicinity of Central Outlying Islands Pier 5, which is one of the piers to be upgraded.

It would be wrong in principle and wrong in practice to subsidise the criminal behavior of **New World First Ferry** with funds from the public purse.

It is therefore requested that this proposal be rejected until either **New World First Ferry** take appropriate measures to stop their polluting ways, or a new and more responsible vessel operator is found.

For your consideration.

Kevin Laurie,  
Hong Kong Pollution Watch.