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Dear Ms Ng,

Follow-up actions for the Bills Committee on the Peak Tramway (Amendment) Bill 2013

I refer to the discussion at the Bills Committee meeting on 25 October and your email of the same date on the follow-up actions required. Please find attached at <u>Annex</u> the supplementary information requested, on the Peak Tramways Company Limited's planned measures to maintain/improve the safety and service performance of the peak tramway for the two-year interim operating period from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2015, subject to its being granted the operating right for the period concerned.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss Carrie Chang) for Secretary for Transport and Housing

Annex

The Peak Tramways Company Limited ("the Company") plans to carry out the following measures in 2014 and 2015 to maintain the safe operation of the peak tramway and to further enhance its services:

(a) For tramway safety and reliability –

- replacement of direct current motors
- replacement of haulage ropes
- upgrade of the haulage drum
- weld testing and strengthening work for the tramcar chassis
- repair of the tramcar body and roof and upgrade of wave floor
- track rail improvement work
- track and foundation strengthening work
- bridge strengthening work
- slope investigation and maintenance
- emergency evacuation path enhancement
- upgrade of public announcement system for tramcars

(b) For efficiency and productivity –

- upgrade of ticketing system
- installation of display boards for hearing impaired passengers
- replacement of glass wall at Lower Terminus platform

2. In addition, the Company is exploring measures to improve queue management for passengers. The Company also plans to undertake further consultancy study in architectural, structural, geotechnical and civil engineering for the long-term passenger service improvement planning.

3. The Company expects the aforementioned measures together will require an investment of over \$75 million in 2014 and 2015.