

16 February 2015

The Honourable Chairman and Panel Members Panel on Transport, Legislative Council c/o Legislative Council Secretariat (fax: 2978 7569)

Dear Chairman and Panel members

### Route 3 Country Park Section (R3CPS) Toll Adjustment

We write to provide you a better understanding of the rationale behind our decision to adjust the tolls of Route 3 Country Park Section (R3CPS) with effect from 22 February.

Tai Lam Tunnel was built as a BOT project with a thirty year franchise. It was not until financial year 2009/10, i.e. half way through the 30-year franchise, that we managed to wipe out accumulated losses and began to accumulate any profit. As of the financial year ended 31 July 2014, the Company still has an outstanding loan of around HK\$2,400 million and must improve revenues in order to be able to repay this amount and maintain business sustainability in the remaining 10 years of the franchise.

We have exercised considerable restraint to minimize the impact of our toll adjustment on the mass public. Thus the tolls for all buses are only raised by \$5 even though they have been frozen for 4 years. For private cars and goods vehicles, our last toll increase was on 1 January 2013 and since then operating costs have kept on rising. Nevertheless the three concessionary programmes currently in place will be continued.

Details of these adjustments are contained in the attached package, which includes our press release together with the revised toll table and a fact sheet elaborating the background to these adjustments.

We respectfully look forward to your kind understanding of our toll adjustment in light of the continuing difficult operating environment

Yours faithfully

ROUTE 3 (CPS) COMPANY LIMITED

Vincent Fong General Manager

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### Tai Lam Tunnel Revises Concessionary Tolls for Some Categories Effective on 22 February 2015

Tai Lam Tunnel will revise the concessionary tolls for some vehicle categories with effect from 22 February. The actual tolls for private cars and goods vehicles will be raised by \$3 or \$4 and that of buses by \$5. The tolls for motorcycles and light buses remain unchanged (toll table attached).

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We have exercised considerable restraint to minimize the impact of the toll adjustment on the mass public. Thus the tolls for all buses are only raised by \$5 even though they have been frozen for 4 years. The last toll increase for private cars and goods vehicles was more than 2 years ago and since then we continued to face pressure of rising operating costs on maintenance, electricity and labour etc.

Nevertheless the three concessionary programmes currently in place, namely "\$10 for taxis without passengers", "\$25 for empty trailers" and "\$25 for heavy goods vehicles at midnight" will be continued.

The Company has always taken the initiative to invest in safety and service enhancements. The Company has lately achieved the Integrated Management System accreditation encompassing ISO 9001:2008, ISO 14001:2004 and OHSAS 18001:2007 certifications. Mr Vincent Fong, the General Manager, said, "We know we have to compete with several parallel toll-free roads. We are thus committed to providing patrons with safety-assured, fast and reliable services."

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# 大欖隧道調整隧道費優惠 2015年2月22日起生效

大欖隧道將於 2 月 22 日起調整部份車種之收費優惠,私家車及各類型貨車之實際收費增加 \$3 或 \$4,巴士則為\$5,電單車及小巴之收費則維持不變,詳見附表。

大欖隧道由三號幹線(郊野公園段)有限公司(公司)建造及營運,公司直至2009/10之財政年度,即已過了30年專營期之一半,才能消除累積虧損。截至2014年7月底之財政年度,公司仍有約24億港元之未償還貸款,故須改善收入以償還貸款及在餘下10年之專營期內維持穩健營運。

公司盡力將對普羅大眾之影響減至最低,巴士之收費水平已凍結了四年, 今次亦只輕微增加\$5。至於私家車及貨車,上一次之收費調整為兩年多前,這兩 年來之營運費用包括維修保養費、電費及工資等持續上升,導致公司營運成本增 加了不少。

三項正在推行之優惠計劃,包括「全日無載客的士(吉的)\$10 優惠」、「全日告架貨櫃車\$25 優惠」及「午夜重型貨車及掛接式貨櫃車\$25 優惠」,將會繼續。

公司不斷主動提升安全設施及服務質素,剛獲取 ISO 9001:2008、ISO 14001:2004 及 OHSAS 18001:2007 分別涵蓋品質、環保及職安健三大系統之綜合管理認證。總經理方平先生表示:「我們明白要與幾條免費的平行道路競爭,因此,公司會竭力為客戶提供安全、快捷及可靠之優質服務。」

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### 大欖隧道收費表 Tai Lam Tunnel Toll Schedule

分類 Category	車輛 Vehicle	現行收費 Existing tolls		二零一五年二月廿二日起生效之收費 Tolls effective from 22 February 2015		實際加費 Actual increase
		法定准許收費 Statutory tolls	實際收費 Actual tolls	法定准許收費 Statutory tolls	實際收費 Actual tolls	
i.	電單車	\$70	\$20*	\$70	\$20*	\$0
	Motorcycles					
2.	私家車、的士	\$75	\$36*	\$75	\$40*	\$4
	Private cars, taxis					
3.	私家/公共小巴	\$210	\$100*	\$210	\$100*	\$0
	Private/Public light buses					
4.	輕型貨車 (不超逾 5.5 噸)	\$210	\$38*	\$210	\$41*	\$3
	Light goods vehicles weight not					
	exceeding 5.5 tonnes					<u></u>
5.	中型貨車	\$220	\$43*	\$220	\$47*	\$4
	(5.5 噸以上但不超逾 24 噸)					
	Medium goods vehicles weight					İ
	exceeding 5.5 tonnes but not			·		
	exceeding 24 tonnes			***	0504	Φ.4
6.	重型貨車 (24 噸以上)	\$240	\$48*	\$240	\$52*	\$4
	Heavy goods vehicles weight over					
	24 tonnes				01004	\$5
7.	單層巴士	\$210	\$115*	\$210	\$120*	\$2
	Single-decked buses				Ø4.40÷	Φ.5
8.	雙層巴士	\$225	\$135*	\$225	\$140*	\$5
	Double-decked buses				7 TH 0 ÷	<b>60</b>
	分類 4-6 的車輛, 首兩條以上的每	\$80	免費 free*	\$80	免費 free*	\$0
	條額外車軸					
	For vehicles in categories 4-6, each					
	additional axle in excess of two					

<sup>\*</sup>低於法定水平的優惠收費 concessionary tolls which are below statutory levels



# Route 3 (CPS) Company Limited Supplementary Information on Toll Adjustment

#### 1 Finance and Traffic

i The Company only managed to wipe out accumulated losses in the financial year 2009/10, half way through the 30-year franchise As of the financial year ended 31 July 2014, the outstanding loan was about HK\$2,400 million

ii The daily average throughput in 2013/14 was 61,745 comprising:

- private cars and taxis : 57 4%

- buses: 8.4%

goods vehicles: 33.4%

motorcycles: 0.8%

2004/05	45,690			
2005/06	46,764			
2006/07	48,675			
2007/08	48,658			
2008/09	44,786			
2009/10	47,196			
2010/11	51,149			
2011/12	54,812			
2012/13	58,645			
2013/14	61,745			

#### 2 Service Enhancement

- i The Company has always taken the initiative to invest in safety and service enhancements. The Company has lately achieved the Integrated Management System accreditation encompassing ISO 9001:2008, ISO 14001:2004 and OHSAS 18001:2007 certifications
- ii More vegetation along the road and outside the Administration Building to enhance greenery
- iii Safety is the Company's prime concern Tai Lam Tunnel has an excellent safety record and was ranked as Hong Kong's safest tunnel from the years 2001 to 2005 and in 2007 and was the second safest in 2006, 2008, 2009, 2011 and 2012<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> according to the statistics of Transport Department



# Route 3 (CPS) Company Limited Supplementary Information on Toll Adjustment (continued)

- 3. Concessionary Programmes
- i The "\$25 for empty trailers" promotion, launched on 29 July 2002, would be continued.
- ii. The "\$25 for articulated goods vehicles at midnight" promotion, launched on 7 October 2002, would be continued. The programme was extended to all heavy goods vehicles on 1 April 2009
- iii. The "\$10 for taxis without passengers at midnight" promotion, launched on 1 December 2004, would be continued The programme was extended to **24-hour** all day on 15 July 2014 and has been well-received.
- iv. The Company has also launched various short-term concessionary programmes from time to time for private cars, such as monthly pass programme for residents of new estates and "50% off for same day return trip" programme.

#### 4 Other Facts on Toll Adjustment

- i The Company well understands that there are other free choices for motorists. The Company thus has always been taking prudent consideration of the market situation before making any decision to revise the concessions.
- ii We have exercised considerable restraint to minimize the impact of the toll adjustment on the mass public. Thus the tolls for all buses are only raised by \$5 even though they have been frozen for 4 years (*last increase on 1 January 2011*). The last toll increase for private cars and goods vehicles was on 1 January 2013.



### 三號幹線(郊野公園段)有限公司 關於調整收費之補充資料

### 1 財政及交通狀況

i 公司直至 2009/10 之財政年度,即過了項目專營期之一半,才能消除累積虧 損。截至2014年7月31日止之財政年度,未償還貸款約為24億港元。

ii 2013/14 年度每日平均車流為 61,745:

私家車及的士 : 57.4%

- 巴士:8.4% - 貨車:33.4% - 電單車:0.8%

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#### 2. 服務提升

- i 公司不斷提升安全水平及服務質素,剛獲取 ISO 9001:2008、ISO 14001:2004 及 OHSAS 18001:2007 分別涵蓋品質、環保及職安健三大系統之綜合管理認 證。
- 公司亦特別在沿路及行政大樓外加種植物,增強環境綠化。
- iii 公司一向非常重視安全,安全紀錄優良。大欖隧道於 2001 至 2005 年與及 2007 年均為全港最安全隧道,而於 2006、2008、2009、2011 及 2012 年則 排行第二1。

1 根據運輸署統計資料



# 三號幹線(郊野公園段)有限公司關於調整收費之補充資料(續)

- 3 惠及不同業界之推廣優惠活動
- i 公司於 2002 年 7 月 29 日推出的「全日吉架貨櫃車 \$25 優惠」將繼續。
- ii. 公司於 2002 年 10 月 7 日推出的「午夜掛接式貨櫃車 \$25 優惠」將繼續。 此優惠並於 2009 年 4 月 1 日擴展至所有重型貨車。
- iii. 公司在 2004 年 12 月 1 日推出的「午夜非載客的士 \$10 優惠」將繼續。此 優惠並於 2014 年 7 月 15 日擴展至全日 24 小時,廣受業界歡迎。
- iv. 公司亦不時推出短期之私家車優惠計劃,如新屋苑用戶月票計劃,或即日回 程半價優惠等。
- 4 關於調整收費之其他資料
- i 公司明白駕駛人士是有其他免費道路可選擇的,因此我們每次皆審慎考慮了 市場情況,才會就部份車種之優惠收費作出調整。
- ii 公司盡力將對普羅大眾之影響減至最低,對上一次調整巴士之收費為 2011 年1月1日,此收費水平已凍結了四年,今次亦只輕微增加\$5。至於私家 車及貨車,對上一次調整收費為 2013年1月1日。