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Dear Miss CHAN,

**Legislative Council Panel on Transport
Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways (“RSC”)**

**Hong Kong section of the
Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (“XRL”)
Matters to be Followed Up**

Regarding the matters to be followed up on the Hong Kong section of the XRL project raised by Members at the RSC meeting on 6 March 2015, our reply is as follows –

Item (a)

The blasting works at the construction site of West Kowloon Terminus (“WKT”) of the XRL project is in progress since September 2014. At present, the blasting works is at the third stage. Prior to the commencement of blasting works, the project team of MTR Corporation Limited (“MTRCL”) has installed monitoring stations at various locations in the vicinity of blasting locations including the footpath

of Lin Cheung Road, the footbridge of Jordan Road, the podium of the premises at Kowloon Station fronting the WKT construction site, Austin Station and the WKT construction site itself. Prior consultations with the concerned property management offices have been carried out and the approvals from the relevant Government departments have been obtained regarding the locations of monitoring stations.

Prior to the commencement of blasting works, MTRCL has arranged four sessions with members of the community including the members of Traffic and Transport Committee of Yau Tsim Mong District Council, members of XRL Community Liaison Group (WKT Section), representatives of the property management offices of the concerned premises of Kowloon Station, etc. to experience the blasting process in the vicinity of the WKT construction site. The participants generally considered that the noise and vibration impacts induced by the blasting works were mild. Apart from preparing promotion leaflets to publicize the blasting arrangement, community stakeholders will be given advance notifications through SMS on the approximate blasting time on the day of blasting.

In accordance with the relevant requirements for blasting works, all monitoring records and data for blasting works will be submitted to the relevant Government departments for assessment. Since the commencement of blasting works, the monitoring stations outside the WKT construction site have not recorded any vibrations. The impact due to blasting vibration is minimal.

Item (b)

The overall percentage of completion of the Hong Kong section of the XRL project is the sum of all weighted percentage complete of all major works contracts.

Yours sincerely,



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