

23 December 2016

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 1 January 2017.

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 2016, the Company still has an outstanding loan of around HK\$1,800 million. Coupled with the pressure of rising operating costs on maintenance and staff etc., we must improve revenues in order to be able to repay the loan and maintain business sustainability in the remaining less than nine years of the franchise.

Throughout the years, we have been offering special concessionary tolls for goods vehicles and have exercised considerable restraint to minimize the impact of our toll adjustment on the mass public. The tolls for buses had been frozen for four years from 2011 to early 2015. The three concessionary programmes on taxis and heavy goods vehicles 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

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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### Tai Lam Tunnel Revises Concessionary Tolls for Some Categories Effective on 1 January 2017

Tai Lam Tunnel will revise the concessionary tolls for some vehicle categories with effect from 1 January 2017 (toll table attached). The tolls for motorcycles and light buses remain unchanged.

Tai Lam Tunnel was built by Route 3 (CPS) Co Ltd (the Company) 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 the Company managed to wipe out accumulated losses and began to accumulate any profit. As of the financial year ended 31 July 2016, the Company still has an outstanding loan of around HK\$1,800 million. Coupled with the pressure of rising operating costs on maintenance and staff etc., the Company must improve revenues in order to be able to repay the loan and maintain business sustainability in the remaining less than nine years of the franchise.

The Company has been over the years supporting the trucking trade by offering special concessionary tolls. The tolls for medium and heavy goods vehicles have only been adjusted three times in the past 16 years. The Company has also exercised considerable restraint to minimize the impact of toll adjustment on the mass public. Thus the tolls for all buses had been frozen for four years from 2011 to early 2015.

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 achieved the Integrated Management System accreditation encompassing ISO 9001:2008 (Quality), ISO 14001:2004 (Environmental) and OHSAS 18001:2007 (Occupational Health and Safety) certifications. The Company has to compete with several parallel toll-free roads and the management team is 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 2017年1月1日起生效

大欖隧道將於 2017 年 1 月 1 日起調整部份車種之收費優惠,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2016年7月底之財政年度,公司仍有約18億港元之未償還貸款,而近年之營運費用包括維修保養費及工資等持續上升,導致公司營運成本增加,故須改善收入以償還貸款及在餘下少於9年之專營期內維持穩健營運。

公司一向顧及貨運業界,長期為中、重型貨車提供特惠收費,過去 16 年來 只實施了三次收費調整;另外公司亦盡力將對普羅大眾之影響減低,所有巴士之 收費於 2011 年至 2015 年初亦凍結了四年。

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,已獲取 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。公司管理層亦明白需與數條免費的相鄰道路競爭,因此,會繼續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		二零一七年一月一日起生效之收費 Tolls effective from 1 January 2017		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	
1.	電單車 Motorcycles	\$80	\$20*	\$80	\$20*	\$0
2.	私家車、的士 Private cars, taxis	\$85	\$40*	\$85	\$44*	\$4
3.	私家/公共小巴 Private/Public light buses	\$240	\$100*	\$240	\$100*	\$0
4.	輕型貨車 (不超逾 5.5 噸) Light goods vehicles weight not exceeding 5.5 tonnes	\$240	\$41*	\$240	\$45*	\$4
5.	中型貨車 (5.5 噸以上但不超逾 24 噸) Medium goods vehicles weight exceeding 5.5 tonnes but not exceeding 24 tonnes	\$250	\$47*	\$250	\$50*	\$3
6.	重型貨車 (24 噸以上) Heavy goods vehicles weight over 24 tonnes	\$270	\$52*	\$270	\$55*	\$3
7.	單層巴士 Single-decked buses	\$240	\$120*	\$240	\$130*	\$10
8.	雙層巴士 Double-decked buses	\$255	\$140*	\$255	\$153*	\$13
	分類 4-6 的車輛,首兩條以上的每 條額外車軸 For vehicles in categories 4-6, each additional axle in excess of two	\$90	免費 free*	\$90	免費 free*	\$0

<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 2016, the outstanding loan was about HK\$1,800 million.

ii.

Financial year	Daily average traffic
2010/11	51,149
2011/12	54,812
2012/13	58,645
2013/14	61,745
2014/15	62,250
2015/16	60,763 - private cars and taxis : 59.9% buses : 8.5% goods vehicles : 30.6%
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#### 2. Service Enhancement

- The Company has always taken the initiative to invest in safety and service enhancements. The Company has achieved the Integrated Management System accreditation encompassing ISO 9001:2008 (Quality), ISO 14001:2004 (Environmental) and OHSAS 18001:2007 (Occupational Health and Safety) certifications.
- ii. More vegetation along the road and outside the Administration Building to enhance greenery.

#### 3. Concessionary Programmes

- i. The Company has exercised considerable restraint to minimize the impact of the toll adjustment on the mass public. The tolls for buses were frozen for 4 years after January 2011 and were only raised by \$5 during the last increase (*February 2015*).
- ii. The "\$25 for empty trailers" promotion, launched on 29 July 2002, would be continued.
- iii. 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.
- iv. 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.
- v. 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 Sunday trip /same day return trip" programme.



# 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 2016 年 7 月 31 日止之財政年度,未償還貸款約為 18 億港元。

ii.

財政年度	每日平均車數		
2010/11	51,149	<del>*************************************</del>	
2011/12	54,812		
2012/13	58,645		
2013/14	61,745		
2014/15	62,250		
2015/16	世: 貨 <sup>1</sup>	家車及的士 士:8.5% 車:30.6% 單車:1.0%	: 59.9%

#### 2. 服務提升

- i. 公司不斷提升安全水平及服務質素,已獲取 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。
- ii. 公司亦特別在沿路及行政大樓外加種植物,增強環境綠化。
- 3. 惠及不同業界之優惠收費/推廣活動
- i. 公司盡力將對普羅大眾之影響減低,於2011年1月後,巴士收費凍結了四年,於對上一次調整收費時(2015年2月)亦只輕微增加了\$5。
- ii. 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。
- iii. 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。
- iv. 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。
- v. 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/假日半價優惠等。