



NEW LANTAO BUS Co. (1973) LTD.

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Clerk to Panel on Environmental Affairs
Legislative Council Secretariat
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Sirs/ Madams,

Re: Proposal to tighten emission standards of newly registered motor vehicles

In view of the proposal to tighten emission standards of newly registered motor vehicles, we wish to express our view towards the role of Franchised Buses ("FB") operated by our company for services on Lantau Island, particularly in Tung Chung area, and that of some other modes of public transport operations thereto.

We would also like to take reference from the paper on the same subject for discussion at the Legislative Council Panel on Transport on 19 December 2016 (Ref. CB(1)295/16-17(06)).

Our views on the above are elucidated as follows:

(a) Bus Supply

Since the road condition on Lantau Island are hilly and tortuous, buses are needed to be specially designed for accommodating the situation. There is limited source of bus supplier providing EURO VI buses in the market. Also there is no solid performance test, reports or figures showing EURO VI buses are capable of running on those extraordinary road conditions on Lantau Island.

In view of ordinary bus procurement process, normally it takes 12-18 months of time until the vehicle registered to be a public bus. There is no adequate time to perform test and other assessment as mentioned above.

(b) Bus Operations

As regards the operation performance of Euro VI buses running on city bus routes, there are serious defects in the braking, exhaust and fuel systems according to the experience shared by our sister companies. The buses have to stop frequently to perform a "carbon- burning" process. This affects the whole operations and quality of bus services.

We acknowledge the proposal to tighten emission standards of newly registered vehicles can improve roadside air quality and protect public health. We urge for your timely consideration of our opinion on an equitable manner.

Yours faithfully,
For and on behalf of
NEW LANTAO BUS CO. (1973) LTD.



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