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(Attn.: Ms Doris LO)

Dear Ms LO,

RE: Overall allocation under the Capital Works Reserve Fund in 2018-20

Sub-head 1100CA 109 under Head 701

“Development of a Bathing Beach at Lung Mei, Tai Po”

Thank you for your letter dated 11 January 2019 referring Hon CHU Hoi-dick's enquiry on the Development of a Bathing Beach at Lung Mei, Tai Po (the project). Our consolidated reply with input from the Lands Department is given as follows:

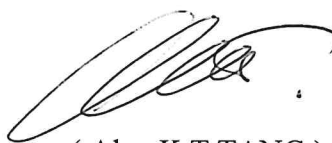
- (1) During the period between 25 November 2017 and 4 January 2018, the project contractor conducted the translocation of target marine species at the intertidal zone of Lung Mei, in accordance with the Environmental Permit (EP) issued by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD). Under fish specialists' supervision, the target marine species had been translocated to Ting Kok East. We did not observe massive death of the marine creatures during the translocation. On 8 December 2017, the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) arranged members of Save Lung Mei Alliance to witness the translocation works. The staff of both the EPD and Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department also attended the inspection on that day. Having taken heed of the valuable views from various parties, the CEDD refined the installation work of slit curtains, including replacement of concrete blocks with gabions and carrying out work manually instead of mechanically, with a view to minimising the risks of harm posed to the marine creatures. The CEDD reviewed the translocation work of the intertidal zone under the ultra-low tidal marks in the early hours of 5 January and 16 January 2018. The fish specialists confirmed that the translocation of the target marine species had been completed under the EP.

Upon the translocation exercise under the requirements of the EP, the CEDD

commenced a regular monitoring exercise in Ting Kok East and the neighbouring Lung Mei area. The most recent monitoring data revealed that the level of biodiversity in both Ting Kok East and the neighbouring Lung Mei area remained unchanged.

- (2) The estimated cash flow in Subhead 1100CA under Head 701 for the “Development of a Bathing Beach at Lung Mei, Tai Po” was \$30,000 in 2018-19, which is to cover the land compensation expenses involved in the relevant project. The relevant cases of land compensation are still under negotiation.
- (3) The sand to be used for the artificial bathing beach at Lung Mei, Tai Po will be procured and placed by the contractor under the works contracts. The contractor is under process of liaising with the related parties on the sand supply issue.

Yours sincerely,



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