

29 July 2019

The Honourable Jeffrey Lam Kin-fung, GBS, JP
Chairman of the Joint Subcommittee to
Monitor the Implementation of
the West Kowloon Cultural District Project
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong

Dear *Jeffrey,*

I refer to the letter from Hon Tanya Chan and Hon Jeremy Tam to you dated 25 July 2019 regarding the incident at the Construction Site of L1 Works Contract for Lyric Theatre Complex and the Extended Basement (“Project”).

The West Kowloon Cultural District Authority was aware of the flooding at the above-mentioned site after the pipe-pile cofferdam wall sprung a leak at the South East corner in the early morning of 25 July 2019. The Authority and the appointed contractor of the site, Gammon Construction Limited took immediate action and the leakage involved stopped at around 9:30am of 25 July 2019. The Authority affirms that there were no safety issues or injuries resulting from the incident and wishes to assure the public that the neighbourhood has not been affected.

On 26 July 2019, the Authority had also provided an update of the incident to the public with a media briefing.

The Project is work entrusted from the Government, as such it is subject to the Civil Engineering and Development Department’s scrutiny and subject to the Buildings Ordinance and Buildings Department regulation. The Project has strictly followed all statutory procedures-in terms of design, statutory approvals, construction and supervision of the works. The Authority employs a team of registered professionals which include an Authorised Person, Registered Structural Engineer, Registered Geotechnical Engineer and Registered General Building Contractor, and we are satisfied that all such individuals and companies have carried out their statutory duties as required under the Building Ordinance.

The Authority, our team of registered professionals and the appointed Registered General Building Contractor of the site, are now working closely with the relevant authorities as regards reporting the incident, implementing the necessary remedial actions and submitting for approval the methodology for works to resume, all in accordance with the statutory requirements.

A full account of the incident would be given to the Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District Project in due course.

Yours sincerely



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