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Clerk to Bills Committee  
Legislative Council Secretariat  
Legislative Council Complex  
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Central, Hong Kong

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Dear Bills Committee Chairman and Members

**Statement of Support to Bills Committee on Waste Disposal (Charging for Municipal Solid Waste) (Amendment) Bill 2018 from Swire Pacific Limited (the “Bill”)**

In 2018/19 Swire Pacific Limited supported the Bill with written and oral submissions. The Bill continues to have our full support. We support quantity-based charging for municipal solid waste, designated garbage bags and the proposed gate fee as a means of achieving such charging. We also support the future consideration of fair and transparent producer responsibility schemes.

We see the passage of the MSW charging bill as a critical step towards the Government’s vision of achieving “Waste Reduction • Resources Circulation • Zero Landfill” under its *Waste Blueprint for Hong Kong 2035* (announced earlier this month). The MSW charging scheme will provide the necessary incentives and impetus for waste reduction and recycling. This measure will bring Hong Kong in line with Asian peers like Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan which have already implemented similar measures and experienced a direct reduction in household waste.

Reducing waste going to landfill will also ultimately reduce Hong Kong’s greenhouse gas emissions and thus contribute towards the Government’s target of achieving carbon neutrality by 2050.

**Conclusion**

Swire Pacific urges the honourable members of the Bills Committee and all members of society to support the passage of this Bill during this term of the Legislative Council and to ensure early implementation of the MSW charging scheme. For queries related to this submission, please contact our Sustainable Development Office, [sd@swirepacific.com](mailto:sd@swirepacific.com).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark R. Watson", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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