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三號幹線(郊野公園段)有限公司 Route 3 (CPS) Company Limited

9 July 2021

The Honourable Chairman and Panel Members Panel on Transport, Legislative Council c/o Legislative Council Secretariat

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 18 July 2021.

Suffering from persistently poor economy situation, the traffic at the Tai Lam Tunnel has been decreasing gradually in the past few years. Since the outbreak of COVID-19 in last year, the traffic of Tai Lam Tunnel has been further reduced mainly due to decrease of foreign visitors, less social activities, suspension of face-to-face schooling and work-from-home arrangements of both private and public sectors. In addition, the opening of Tuen Mun – Chek Lap Kok Tunnel in late 2020 adds negative impact to our traffic, especially on medium and heavy goods vehicles, and leads to re-routing of some franchise bus services originally using Tai Lam Tunnel. All these factors effectively erode the revenue of Tai Lam Tunnel. Even the epidemic situation and economic situation have been gradually improved recently, the daily average traffic of Tai Lam Tunnel in June 2021 still dropped more than 20% as compared with the traffic before. But our operation costs still increase.

In order to maintain business sustainability, Tai Lam Tunnel has to revise its concessionary tolls.

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.

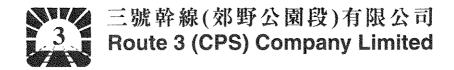
Yours faithfully

ROUTE 3 (CPS) COMPANY LIMITED

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

9 July 2021

Tai Lam Tunnel Revises Concessionary Tolls Effective on 18 July 2021

Tai Lam Tunnel will revise its concessionary tolls of various categories with effect from 18 July 2021, please refer to the attached toll table for details.

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In order to maintain business sustainability, Tai Lam Tunnel has to revise its concessionary tolls.

We will maintain the three concessionary programmes currently in place, namely "\$15 for taxis without passengers", "\$25 for empty trailers" and "\$25 for heavy goods vehicles at midnight".

Despite the difficulties outlined above, we continue providing a safe, reliable, comfortable and convenient tunnel service to the public. Most recently, in December 2020, as the pioneer of the transport infrastructure industry, Tai Lam Tunnel launched a 5G Smart Transport System for timely detection of any trespassers at some critical locations in its tunnel area for due protection of tunnel users and motorists.

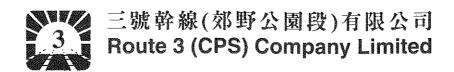
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大欖隧道調整隧道費優惠 2021 年 7 月 18 日起生效

大欖隧道將於 2021 年 7 月 18 日起調整各類型車種之收費優惠,詳情請 見附表。

受近年經濟疲弱影響,隧道車流過往數年持續下降。自去年初爆發新冠肺炎以來,因訪港旅客人數大減、市民減少外出、學校暫停面授課程、政府和不少企業實施在家工作等因素,導致大欖隧道交通流量進一步下跌。此外,於去年年底開通的屯門-赤臘角隧道,亦對大欖隧道交通流量構成負面影響,尤其中型及重型貨車之影響更為嚴重。再者,部份原經大欖隧道的專營巴士路線亦改行屯門-赤臘角隧道。以上種種因素均令大欖隧道收入大減。即使近期疫情及經濟情況有所改善,但今年6月大欖隧道每日平均交通流量仍較疫情前減少百份之二十以上,然而隧道營運成本卻有增無減。

為確保能維持穩健營運,大欖隧道必須調整隧道費從而改善收入。

三項正在推行之優惠計劃,包括「全日無載客的士(吉的)\$15 優惠」、「全日吉架貨櫃車 \$25 優惠」及「午夜重型貨車及掛接式貨櫃車 \$25 優惠」,將會繼續。

縱然在上述困境下,大欖隧道繼續致力為市民提供安全可靠、舒適方便的隧道服務。於去年 12 月,作為交通基建業界先驅,大欖隧道引入全港首個「5G智能交通安全管理系統」,以求能及時察覺誤闖入隧道重要範圍的人仕,從而提升道路安全。

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大欖隧道收費表 Tai Lam Tunnel Toll Schedule

分類 Category	車輛 Vehicle	現行 Existin	現行收費 Existing tolls	二零二一年七月- Tolls effective	二零二一年七月十八日起生效之收費 Tolls effective from 18 July 2021	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	
l.	電單車、機動三輪車 Motorcoles motor tricocles	\$6\$	\$22*	\$6\$	\$24*	\$2
2.	私家車、的土、電動載客車輛 Private cars, taxis, electrically powered passenger vehicles	\$100	*848*	\$100	\$52*	\$4
3,	私家/公共小巴 Private/Public light buses	\$285	\$100*	\$285	\$109*	\$6
4	輕型貨車及特別用途車輛(不超逾 5.5 噸) Light goods vehicles and special purpose vehicles of a permitted gross vehicle weight not exceeding 5.5 tonnes	\$285	\$49*	\$285	\$53*	\$4
5.	中型貨車及特別用途車輛 (5.5 噸以上但不超逾 24 噸) Medium goods vehicles and special purpose vehicles of a permitted gross vehicle weight exceeding 5.5 tonnes but not exceeding 24 tonnes	\$295	\$55*	\$295	*820*	\$\$
9	重型貨車及特別用途車輛 (24 噸以上) Heavy goods vehicles and special purpose vehicles of a permitted gross vehicle weight over 24 tomes	\$315	*09\$	\$315	*865*	\$5
7.	單層巴士 Single-decked buses	\$285	\$143*	\$285	\$155*	\$12
8.	雙層巴士 Double-decked buses	\$300	*891\$	\$300	\$183*	\$15
	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	\$105	免費 free*	\$105	免費 free*	\$0

*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. Traffic

i. Suffering from persistently poor economy situation, the traffic at the Tai Lam Tunnel has been decreasing gradually in the past few years.

ii.

Financial year	Daily average traffic
2015/16	60,763
2016/17	60,949
2017/18	61,528
2018/19	59,779
2019/20	51,464
2020/21	45,968 - private cars and taxis : 56%
(up to 30 June	goods vehicles: 34%
2021)	buses: 8%
	motorcycles: 2%

2. Service Enhancements

- i. Despite the difficulties operation environment, Tai Lam Tunnel continues providing a safe, reliable, comfortable and convenient tunnel service to the public. Most recently, in December 2020, as the pioneer of the transport infrastructure industry, Tai Lam Tunnel launched a 5G Smart Transport System for enhancing safety to its tunnel users and motorists.
- ii. The 5G Smart Transport project is the employment of 5G data transmission network and artificial intelligent high-reaction image processing for timely detection of any trespassers at some critical locations in its tunnel area for due protection of tunnel users and motorists.
- iii. The Company has achieved the Integrated Management System accreditation encompassing ISO 9001:2015 (Quality), ISO 14001:2015 (Environmental) and ISO 45001:2018 (Occupational Health and Safety) certifications as a reflection of its quality service level rendering to the tunnel users and motorists.

3. Concessionary Programmes

- i. The "\$25 for empty trailers" promotion, launched on 29 July 2002, will be continued.
- ii. The "\$25 for articulated goods vehicles at midnight" promotion, launched on 7 October 2002, will be continued. The programme has been extended to all heavy goods vehicles since 1 April 2009.
- iii. The "\$15 for taxis without passengers" promotion, launched on 1 January 2019, will be continued. The programme was originated from the "\$10 for taxis without passengers at midnight" promotion that launched on 1 December 2004 and extended to **24-hour all day** on 15 July 2014.
- iv. The Company has also launched various short-term concessionary programmes from time to time for private cars and goods vehicles, such as programmes of "50% discount for target users on additional usage" and "holiday and mid-night discount coupons".