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Project Profile

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1. Basic Information

1.1 <u>Project Title</u>

1.1.1 The project is entitled as "Construction of a Landing and Access Facility at Fung Wong Wat Beacon, Tolo Channel, Tai Po" (The Project).

1.2 <u>Purpose and Nature of the Project</u>

- 1.2.1 At present there are no landing facilities at the existing Fung Wong Wat Beacon as shown on Photo 1A of Appendix A. The purpose of the Project is to provide safe landing and access facility for the regular inspection and maintenance of the Beacon.
- 1.2.2 The photomontage showing the proposed landing and access facility is shown on Photo 1 B of Appendix A for reference.

1.3 <u>Name of Project Proponent</u>

- 1.3.1 Marine Department (MD) is the project proponent and the client department. Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) is the works agent for the planning, design and implementation of the Project.
- 1.4 Location of Project and Scale of Project
- 1.4.1 Fung Wong Wat Beacon is located at the northern coast of Tolo Channel as shown on Drawing No. PW-FD11-135 of Appendix B. The plan area of the landing and access facility is about 35m² as shown on Drawing No. PW-FD13-013 of Appendix B.
- 1.4.2. The scale of the Project is small. A photomontage of the proposed concrete landing and access facility to be constructed under the Project is shown on Photo 1B of Appendix A. No dredging and reclamation works will be involved.
- 1.5 <u>Number and Types of Designated Projects to be Covered by the Project Profile</u>
- 1.5.1 As shown on Drawing Nos. PW-FD11-137 and 138 of Appendix B, the Project is located within the boundary of Plover Cove Country Park/ Tolo Channel Geo-Area and partly falls within Tolo Channel (Northern Coast) Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). In accordance with Section Q.1 of Part I of Schedule 2 of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Ordinance, it is classified as a designated project.

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1.6 Name and Telephone Number of Contact Person

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2. Outline of Planning and Implementation Programme

- 2.1 The planning, design and implementation of the Project will be carried out in-house by CEDD.
- 2.2 The construction works are scheduled to commence tentatively in late 2014 for completion in six months. There is no interaction with other projects which are identified and shall be considered.

3. Construction Method

- 3.1 Layout of the proposed landing and access facility is shown on Drawing No. PW-FD11-140 of Appendix B. The construction method and sequence of landing and access facility will be as follows:
 - (i) laying of rock fill materials at the sea bed to form a bedding;
 - (ii) laying of precast concrete blocks to form the landing;
 - (iii) installation of 219mm diameter bored piles foundation;
 - (iv) placing in-situ concrete to design level of the landing; and
 - (v) installation of the precast concrete access, railing and associated facilities.

No dredging and reclamation works will be involved.

3.2 The major construction plant required for the construction includes a derrick lighter and a drilling machine. The derrick lighter will be used for transporting, lifting and storing of construction materials and the drilling machine will be used for installation of 219mm diameter bored piles.

4. Major Elements of the Surrounding Environment

- 4.1 <u>Plover Cove Country Park, Tolo-Channel Geo-Area and Tolo Channel (Northern</u> <u>Coast) Site of Special Scientific Interest.</u>
- 4.1.1 As shown on the Drawing Nos. PW-FD11-137 and 138 of Appendix B, there are Plover Cove Country Park and Tolo Channel Geo-Area in the close vicinity of the proposed works. Part of the proposed works falls within Tolo Channel (Northern Coast) SSSI. As shown on Photo 1B of Appendix A, the proposed landing and access facility is mainly located at the fringe of the Site and on a reef close to the sea. The detailed impact assessment is given in Section 5.9.

4.2 <u>Sensitive Receivers</u>

4.2.1 As shown on the Drawing No. PW-FD11-137 of Appendix B, there are no residential area or no sensitive receivers identified in respect to air, noise, water quality, ecology etc within 500m from the proposed landing and access facility of the Beacon.

5. Identification of Possible Impacts on the Environment

5.1 <u>Noise</u>

5.1.1 During construction, the lifting operation of the derrick lighter and the drilling process of drilling machine are the primary noise sources. Since their noise levels will not be high and is short term, furthermore, no noise sensitive receiver is identified in the vicinity, it is anticipated the noise impact is insignificant.

5.2 <u>Air Quality</u>

- 5.2.1 Since no dredging is involved, no odour problem is expected.
- 5.2.2 As excavation and filling works on the site are minimal, dust emission from the site is minimal. If necessary, water will be sprayed on site to control the dust emission. Furthermore, no sensitive receiver is identified in the vicinity and the construction plant shall comply with relevant environmental regulations, the emitted gas from the plant is anticipated to be minimal. Proper maintenance of construction plant will also be undertaken to prevent dark smoke emission. Therefore, the air quality impact caused by the Project is negligible.

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- 5.3 <u>Visual Appearance</u>
- 5.3.1 The landing and accesse facility is small and will become an integral part of the existing lighted beacon. Therefore, the impact on the visual appearance impact caused by the Project is negligible.
- 5.4 <u>Cultural Heritage</u>
- 5.4.1 With reference to information from Antiquities and Monuments Office of Leisure and Cultural Services Department, HIA is not required for this Project. If any antiquities are discovered in the course of the construction works, Antiquities and Monuments Office will be informed promptly.
- 5.5 <u>Fisheries</u>
- 5.5.1 In accordance with the information obtained from Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, there is no Fish Culture Zone near the proposed work site but within a proposed Fisheries Protection Area and fish nursery ground as shown on Drawing No. PW-FD11-137 of Appendix B.
- 5.5.2 In order to identify any coastal species and habitats in the vicinity of the proposed works site, an underwater dive inspection was conducted within the site limit by CEDD diving team on 2 September 2011. In accordance with the diving survey photos as shown on Photos 2 of Appendix A, there are no special habitats relevant to fishery at the proposed work site. Furthermore, the scale of the proposed works is very small and limited at a reef close to the sea, and no dredging works is required. As such, the impact on the fishery is considered to be minimal.
- 5.6 <u>Ecology</u>
- 5.6.1 According to the diving survey photos as shown on Photos 2 of Appendix A, there were only barnacles attached on the rock surfaces at tidal zone and scattered groups of sea urchin at the sea bed. There were no corals, no other aquatic organisms nor ecologically important habitats. As no dredging or reclamation works will be involved, the impact on the ecology is considered to be minimal.

5.7 <u>Water Quality</u>

- 5.7.1 As shown on the Photo 1A of Appendix A and Drawing No. PW-FD11-137 of Appendix B, there is no water quality sensitive receiver identified. The construction site is at a reef close to the sea. Therefore there will be no runoff, groundwater or flooding problems anticipated. It is also not necessary to provide depot and workshop on site. The sanitary facilities will be provided on a licensed barge for workers. The construction plant shall be well maintained and no leakage of fuel and oil is allowed. Therefore, there will be no wastewater or sewage discharged into the sea.
- 5.7.2 The potential water quality impact might be due to preparation of rock surface for the precast concrete blocks and drilling works. To minimise the impact, such works will be carried out during low tide period and silt curtain will be erected around the site and down to the seabed as detailed on the Drawing No. PW-FD11-141 of Appendix B. To ensure the silt curtain functioning properly, it shall be inspected before and after adverse weather, and no works will be carried out during adverse weather condition.
- 5.7.3 To ensure the proposed construction method and mitigation measures functioning effectively and properly, water quality monitoring will be conducted. Water samples will be taken before commencement of the works, during construction and after completion of the works. It is anticipated that environmental impacts on water quality during construction is insignificant because most of the concrete works will be carried out above the water surface. Nevertheless, if adverse impacts on the water quality are identified, the construction works will be suspended immediately until the impacts are subsided.
- 5.8 Waste Management
- 5.8.1 No dangerous chemical waste will be used for this Project. Therefore, it is anticipated that there will be no impact due to chemical waste caused by the Project.
- 5.8.2 Construction and demolition (C&D) material and waste such as excavated spoil (soil and rock), unusable concrete and grout, wood, metal scraps, equipment parts and packaging materials would be generated. Nevertheless, due to the small scale of the Project, the quantities of the waste are minimal. Furthermore, the waste will be sorted for re-use, recycling, or disposed of at public filling or landfills facilities in accordance with the Regulations. Therefore, adverse environmental impacts due to waste are not expected.

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- 5.9 Impacts on Country Park and Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)
- 5.9.1 As shown on Drawing No PW-FD11-137 of Appendix B, and Photo 1A of Appendix A, the existing Beacon is located at the fringe of the Plover Cove Country Park and Tolo Channel (Northern Coast) SSSI.
- 5.9.2 Within the proposed work site, there are no vegetation, no sites of historic or cultural significance and also no habitat of wild life is identified. The site is also not on the routes of trails or walks of the Country Park. Therefore the proposed works will not affect the purposes of recreation and tourism of the Park. Furthermore, the size of the proposed landing and access facility is small. It will also match the existing environment and not create any significant impact on scenic beauty. Therefore, it is anticipated that the impact on Country Park and the SSSI is insignificant.
- 5.10 Other Residual Impacts
- 5.10.1 No other operational impacts are identified during operation of the landing and access facility.

6. Environmental Protection Measures to be Incorporated in the Design and Any Further Environmental Implications

- 6.1 Measures to Minimize Environmental Impacts
- 6.1.1 Ecology
- 6.1.1.1 Underwater dive inspection had been conducted and only sea urchins were found. In order to minimize the possible impact, the sea urchins will be relocated out of the site limit before construction.
- 6.1.2 <u>Water Quality</u>
- 6.1.2.1 To safeguard the water quality during the construction works, the following measures will be implemented:-
 - (a) <u>Installation of silt curtain around the site</u>

As demonstrated on Drawing No. PW-FD11-141 of Appendix B, the full height silt curtain from water surface down to the seabed will be erected around the site as containment to confine the area being affected by the construction works. The silt curtain will be maintained in good and effective condition throughout the construction process.

(b) <u>Cleaning of construction material</u>

The precast concrete blocks, rockfill and levelling stones will be washed off site to minimize the impact of dirt on water quality.

(c) <u>Water quality monitoring throughout the construction period</u>

The water quality monitoring programme in this Project will follow the "Environmental Monitoring and Audit, Guidelines for Development Projects in Hong Kong". Baseline monitoring, impact monitoring and post-project monitoring on turbidity and suspended solids will be carried out 4 weeks prior to the construction, during the construction and 4 weeks after the construction respectively at mid-flood and mid-ebb tides, at a frequency of 3 days per week. The locations of the monitoring points are shown on Drawing No. PW-FD14-051. The works will be suspended if the acceptable limit of the water quality is exceeded.

- 6.1.3 <u>Noise</u>
- 6.1.3.1 In order to alleviate the potential noise impact, noise mitigation measures such as good site practice, use of quiet plant and well planned construction method will be recommended.
- 6.2 <u>Possible Severity, Distribution and Duration of Environmental Effects</u>
- 6.2.1 In view of the small scale of works that will be completed within six months, any environmental impacts, which may be caused by the Project, should be short-termed, localized and minimal.

7. Use of Previously Approved EIA Reports

7.1 No previously approved environmental impact assessment report has been conducted in Fung Wong Wat Beacon.

8. Conclusion

- 8.1 It is a small scale construction project. It involves the laying precast concrete blocks on the sea bed, installing of six 219 mm diameter bored piles, and fixing of a precast concrete access, installation of railing and associated facilities. No dredging and reclamation works will be involved.
- 8.2 The identified environmental impacts arising from the Project are minimal and manageable. Nevertheless, the following measures will be implemented to further reduce the impacts:
 - (i) removal urchins out of the site limit to minimise the impact to the ecology;
 - (ii) installation of silt curtain around the site, cleaning of construction materials and carrying out water quality monitoring to minimise the impact to the water quality; and
 - (iii) using of quiet plants and well planned construction method to minimise the noise impact.
- 8.3 Since the scale of the project is very small, the identified impacts on SSSI, Tolo Channel Geo-Area and Plover Cove Country Park are localised and insignificant.
- 8.4 As the environmental impacts arising from the Project is insignificant, the Department will apply directly an environmental permit under EIA Ordinance.

Appendix A 附錄 A





Photo 2.1 圖片 2.1



Photo 2.2 圖片 2.2



Photo 2.3 圖片 2.3



Photo 2.4 圖片 2.4



Photo 2.5 圖片 2.5



Photo 2.6 圖片 2.6



Photo 2.7 圖片 2.7



Photo 2.8 圖片 2.8



Photo 2.9 圖片 2.9



Photo 2.10 圖片 2.10

Photos 2 – Diving Survey Photos at Fung Wong Wat Beacon 照片 2 –在鳳凰笏航 標 的潛水勘測圖片



Photo 2.11 圖片 2.11



Photo 2.12 圖片 2.12

Appendix B 附錄 B





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