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## Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Ordinance Cap. 499 Application for Approval of EIA Report

## Project Title: Improvement of Yuen Long Town Nullah (Town Centre Section) (Application No. EIA-262/2020)

I refer to your above application received on 11 February 2020 for approval of an EIA report under Section 6(2) of the EIA Ordinance and our previous letter of 7 April 2020 advising you to exhibit the EIA report for public inspection in accordance with Section 6(4) of the EIA Ordinance.

Having considered the public comments received during the public inspection period, the comments from the Advisory Council on the Environment (ACE) given to us on 14 July 2020, I now advise you under Section 8(3) of the EIA Ordinance that the above EIA report as exhibited under Section 7(1) of the EIA Ordinance is approved subject to the condition at Annex 1, which shall be imposed, together with other relevant requirements, as conditions in the Environmental Permit for carrying out of the Project. In addition, recommendations from the ACE are contained in Annex 2 for your onward action.

It should be noted that the approval of the EIA report shall not relieve you of the responsibility to comply with other legislation or Government requirements for implementing the Project.

Under Section 15 of the EIA Ordinance, the approved EIA report (Register No.: AEIAR - 223/2020) will be placed on the EIA Ordinance Register. The approved EIA report and the condition of approval will also be placed on the EIA Ordinance website (http://www.epd.gov.hk/eia/).



Should you have any queries concerning the above, please contact my colleague Mr. Vincent LAU at 2835 1115.

Yours sincerely,

(Stanley C.F. LAU)

Acting Principal Environmental Protection Officer for Director of Environmental Protection

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Reference of the Approved EIA Report in the Register: AEIAR-223/2020

#### Condition of Approval under Section 8(3) of the EIA Ordinance

(1) The Project Proponent shall submit a Water Quality Monitoring Plan (the Plan) as part of the updated Environmental Monitoring and Audit Manual, to detect potential adverse water quality impacts at the Project and downstream area directly affected by the Project, and set out additional measures to be taken in the event of heavy rainfall during dry seasons to ensure that the water quality is not adversely affected. The Plan shall be submitted to the Director of Environmental Protection for approval before commencement of construction of the Project.

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### Recommendations from the Advisory Council on the Environment for Carrying Out of the Project

- (1) The Project Proponent is recommended to adopt a holistic approach and achieve the synergy in the planning of beautification works and ecological enhancement measures, as well as developing a water-friendly culture in the Yuen Long Town Nullah area. The adoption of the "Sponge City" concept and identification of alternative and additional freshwater sources to maintain the water flow especially during dry seasons should be explored. Furthermore, consideration should be given to enhancing environmental sustainability and incorporating green elements in the beautification of the Yuen Long Town Nullah;
- (2) The Project Proponent is recommended to identify and control water pollution at source as far as possible to control the polluted flow entering the Yuen Long Town Nullah; and
- (3) The Project Proponent is recommended to minimise the generation of and reuse surplus inert construction and demolition materials in-situ as far as practicable.

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