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Civil Engineering and Development Department

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

Project Title: Cycle Track between Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun (Tuen Mun to So Kwun Wat)

(Application No. EIA-280/2022)

I refer to your application received on 25 March 2022 for approval of the above EIA report under Section 6(2) of the EIA Ordinance and our previous letter of 4 May 2022 advising you to exhibit the EIA Report for public inspection in accordance with Section 6(4) of the EIA Ordinance.

Having considered the comments from the Advisory Council on the Environment (ACE) given to us on 10 August 2022 and the public comments received during the public inspection period, 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 conditions at **Annex 1**, which shall be imposed, together with other relevant requirements as conditions in the Environment 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 from 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-239/2022) will be placed on the EIA Ordinance Register. The approved EIA report and the conditions of approval will also be placed on the EIA Ordinance website (http://www.epd.gov.hk/eia/).

Should you have any queries on the above application, please contact my colleague Dr. Tom TAM at 2835 1107.

Yours sincerely,

(Stanley CF LAU) Principal Environmental Protection Officer for Director of Environmental Protection

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c.c. (w/o encl.)

ACE EIA Subcommittee Secretariat

(Attn.: Miss Sally SHEK)

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Reference of the Approved EIA Report in the Register: AEIAR-239/2022

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

The project proponent shall:-

- (1) devise a detailed Compensatory Tree Planting Implementation Plan (the Plan) with engagement of terrestrial ecologist(s), which shall include details of the planting objectives, planting numbers and locations and list of native tree species to be used, with the aim to enhance urban biodiversity. Off-site locations in the urban area such as Tuen Mun town centre shall also be considered for compensatory tree planting. The Project Proponent shall consult the Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (DAFC) on the Plan prior to submission to DEP for approval before the commencement of the compensatory tree planting; and
- (2) conduct a comprehensive coral survey within the piling footprint between Cafeteria Old Beach and Kadoorie Beach, in consultation with DEP and DAFC, prior to the commencement of piling works with a view to avoiding the construction of viaduct structures in locations which might bring adverse impact to any significant coral colonies in the vicinity.

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

The project proponent is recommended to:-

- (1) retain as far as possible any tall and big trees, notwithstanding that they do not fall under the category of trees of particular interest and consider creating resting stations and scenic spots surrounding the tall trees for public enjoyment;
- (2) explore ways to minimise the overall waste generation and disposal arising from the Project, and consider to reuse and recycle the wood generated from the felled trees as far as practicable; and
- (3) devise a detailed design and implementation plan for the subtidal portion of the proposed viaduct in consultation with DAFC and DEP, with a view to enhancing the biodiversity and ecosystem functions, especially the affected corals.

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