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Proposal To Develop A Public Golf Centre
At Kau Sai Chau, Sai Kung

Purpose

This paper outlines the follow-up action taken on the conditions laid down by the Advisory Council on the Environment (ACE) at its meeting on 16 May 1994 in endorsing the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) study report on the above mentioned project.

Background

2. At its meeting held on 16 May 1994, the ACE endorsed the EIA study report on the Kau Sai Chau public golf centre, subject to the following conditions to be met by the project proponent, i.e. the Government, and its agent, the RHKJC, -

- (A) to implement all the measures recommended in the EIA study;
- (B) to carry out a quick ecological survey that would include a bird survey and a survey of the fresh water habitat at the site of the proposed reservoir. This was considered necessary by the ACE because the survey already carried out did not cover all four seasons. The survey would check if there were any notable spring/summer species of ecological value which had not been recorded before;
- (C) to report back to the ACE's EIA Sub-committee in due course on the ecological survey, the implementation of the turf management plan, the progress of the mangrove transplantation and the restoration of habitat;

- (D) while the golf course was being constructed, to consider repairing the bomb damaged landscape outside the golf course;
- (E) to consider the use of zero-emission vehicles on the island; and
- (F) any further developments on the island outside the boundaries of the public golf centre be subject to EIA.

Present Position

3. The Government and the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club agree to implement these conditions.

4. The present situation of the implementation of the above conditions is as follows -

- (A) The measures recommended in the EIA study are being fully incorporated by the RHKJC consultants into the design of the project and the Environmental Monitoring and Audit Manual to be used by the contractors and the future management body of the golf centre;
- (B) The RHKJC commissioned a supplementary ecological study in June 1994, including a bird survey and a survey of the fresh water habitat at the site of the proposed reservoir. A copy of the survey report is at Annex A for members' information. The findings have been accepted by the Agriculture and Fisheries Department (AFD). Please refer to Annex B for the detailed comments made by the AFD.
- (C) The Turf Grass Management (TGM) Plan will be implemented in accordance with the EIA, and further progress will be made once the golf centre's

management body takes shape. The transplantation of mangroves is continuing, and will be completed in about September 1994. Concurrently, a nursery programme is being implemented to ensure a steady supply of seedlings for planting at selected sites on the island. The ACE's EIA Sub-committee will be briefed periodically on the progress in the implementation of the TGM Plan, the transplantation of mangroves and the restoration of habitat.

- (D) The Hong Kong Golf Centre Project Board will consider repairing the bomb damaged areas outside the golf centre, subject to funds being available within the current budget ceiling of the project;
- (E) The Hong Kong Golf Centre Project Board will consider at the appropriate time the use of zero-emission vehicles on Kau Sai Chau; and
- (F) The Government has no objection to the condition of subjecting any further developments on the island outside the boundaries of the public golf centre to EIA studies. As yet, there is no such plan for development. Members will wish to know that such proposals, if any, will also have to be fully compatible with the golf centre.

5. Site investigation and survey work is underway at the golf centre site. This includes marking out golf course holes, forming access roads, establishing site offices and diverting telephone and electricity cable poles. Major earth works will start with the advent of the dry season.

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