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**for information**

**Central Reclamation, Phase I - Engineering Works**  
**Focused EIA**  
**Report on Progress of Implementation of**  
**Recommended Mitigation Measures**

Introduction

1. The Central Reclamation, Phase I Focused EIA Study findings and recommendations were presented and discussed at the EPCOM Meeting on 18 November 1992. Members generally endorsed the EIA report and agreed that the mitigation measures recommended in the EIA report should be implemented. The Central Reclamation, Phase I Project started on 1 September 1993 and the mitigation measures will be implemented as part of the project.

Progress

2. The recommended mitigation measures improvement Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 have been completed. Improvement No. 2 regarding desilting trunk sewer in Connaught Road will be carried out by DSD regularly.

3. Regarding the remaining mitigation measures, i.e. improvement Nos. 5 and 7 to 18 inclusive, funding will be provided under the Central Reclamation, Phase 1 project, given that the mitigation measures are required to reduce the water pollution problem which, although it has been a long standing situation, would be aggravated by the proposed reclamation in the area.

4. Detailed design of the above mitigation measures has been completed and this has just been further reviewed by the consultants for the Central, Western and Wanchai West (CW3) Sewerage. Having consulted EPD and DSD, it is concluded that Improvement Nos. 8, 9, 12, 14, 15, 16 and 17 are best to be done in conjunction with the CW3 Sewerage. It is because these measures if implemented now would not be compatible with the recommended CW3 Sewerage. The improved sewers would need relaying when the Sewerage scheme starts in 1998. The very short term benefits of these measures has also been examined and found to be very limited. In view that little benefit would be achieved but there would be traffic disruption and public inconvenience during construction, this recommendation has been adopted.

5. Improvement Nos. 5, 7 and 13 of the mitigation measures will still be implemented. Improvement No. 5 has been included in MTRC Contract 501 for Airport Railway Central Station which will start in June 1995. Regarding Improvement No. 7, it has been incorporated under Contract No. HK4/94 for Central Reclamation Phase II which started in December 1994. Subsequent to the review by CW3 Sewerage consultants, the design has been amended slightly to ensure compatibility with final sewerage scheme. DSD is implementing Improvement No. 13 which will start in early June 1995 for completion in September 1995.

6. The sewerage improvements as well as the traffic management during construction were presented to the Central and Western District Board Environment and Works Committee at its meeting on 10 November 1994. Generally the Committee had no adverse comments on the proposals.

7. Further investigations involving study/survey for Catchments C (Gilman Street) and D (Jubilee Street) to identify pollution sources have been completed by EPD. Additional mitigation measures to the south of Queen's Road Central have been recommended and they will be carried out by DSD as general maintenance work or under the Central, Western and Wan Chai West Sewerage Master Plan implementation project.
8. Similar investigations for Catchment F (Pedder Street) and J1 (Murray Road) have also been completed by EPD; while mitigation measures at various locations, which have been recommended by DSD and EPD, are being carried out.
9. The implementation of mitigation measures mentioned in para. 5 above will be closely monitored in order to ensure early completion of the works.

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