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For advice

Report of the Environmental Impact Assessment Subcommittee

INTRODUCTION

The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Subcommittee considered the EIA report on Drainage Improvement in Northern New Territories – Package C (ACE-EIA Paper 4/2007 refers) by circulation. All Members of the Subcommittee agreed that the EIA report could be considered by the Subcommittee without a presentation by the project proponent and could be endorsed without condition.

2. The public inspection period of the EIA report is from 3 May to 1 June 2007. Three sets of public comments were received by the Environmental Protection Department during the period which have been referred to Members for reference.

ADVICE SOUGHT

3. Members are requested to advise whether the EIA report on Drainage Improvement in Northern New Territories – Package C could be endorsed without condition.

NEED FOR THE PROJECT

4. The project is to alleviate recurring flooding problems in Man Uk Pin and Lin Ma Hang areas by improving the secondary and local stormwater drainage systems in accordance with the recommendation of the Drainage Master Plan Study in the Northern New Territories.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

5. The project involves the construction of secondary and local drainage channels at Man Uk Pin in the Indus Basin and improvement works to the Lin Ma Hang stream in the Ganges Basin. The location of the project is shown in **Figure 1** and the general

arrangement of the drainage channels at Man Uk Pin and Lin Ma Hang is shown in **Figures** 2, 3 and 4. Major works of the project include –

Man Uk Pin Area

- (i) a two-stage channel of about 550 m long with existing natural river bed, gabion walls and/or mattress lining (MUP05);
- (ii) trapezoidal channels of about 670 m long with gabion walls and mattress lining (MUP03, MUP04A, MUP05);
- (iii) 210 m long U-channels, 170 m long underground drainage pipes and 80 m long box culverts (MUP03, MUP04, MUP05); and
- (iv) other ancillary works include re-provision of crossings, provision of inlet/outlet pipes, maintenance ramps & accesses and final landscaping works.

Lin Ma Hang Area

- (i) construction of about 190 m gabion wall channel and localized river bank improvement works at Lin Ma Hang stream (LMH01); and
- (ii) other ancillary works include re-provision of crossings, provision of flood alarm and flood siren, improvement on outlet security grille and final landscaping works.
- 6. The project is classified as a designated project under Item I.1(b)(i) and (vii), Part I, Schedule 2 of the EIA Ordinance, i.e. "a drainage channel or river training and diversion works which discharges or discharge into area which is less than 300 m from the nearest boundary of an existing or planned site of special scientific interest and conservation area".

VIEWS AND CONCLUSION OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE

7. Having regard to the findings and recommendations of the EIA report, Members agreed by circulation that the EIA report could be endorsed without condition. The Subcommittee endorsed Members' views and agreed to recommend the EIA report to the full Council for endorsement without condition.

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