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1. INTRODUCTION

The Shatin to Central Link (SCL, the Project) is a strategic rail corridor from Shatin to Central that runs through multiple districts in Hong Kong. It comprises two sections. The first section, Tai Wai to Hung Hom (TAW-HUH) or the East West Corridor (EWL) will extend the existing Ma On Shan Line (MOL) from Tai Wai to the West Rail Line (WRL) through East Kowloon, with stations at Hin Keng, Diamond Hill, Kai Tak, To Kwa Wan, Ma Tau Wai, Ho Man Tin and Hung Hom (The East West Corridor, EWL). The second section, Hung Hom to Admiralty (HUH-ADM) will bring East Rail Line (EAL) across the harbour to Hong Kong Island, from Hung Hom to Exhibition Station and Admiralty Station via the fourth cross-harbour railway (the North South Corridor, NSL). When the 11km long SCL (TAW-HUH) is put into operation, the existing WRL terminus at the present Hung Hom Station (HUH) will be relocated to connect with the new alignment. The 6 km SCL (HUH-ADM) will be connected to EAL with realignment of the existing EAL tracks from the tunnel portal near Oi Man Estate to HUH (SCL (MKK-HUH)). The SCL (HUH-ADM) will terminate at the new extension of Admiralty Station (ADM), with overrun tunnels to ADM south for future extension to Central. Most of the alignment of SCL (TAW-HUH) and the entire SCL (HUH-ADM) will be underground and the Cross-Harbour Section will be constructed by immersed tube method. A stabling siding at Hung Hom Freight Yard, three ventilation buildings along the railway corridor for tunnel ventilation, and Emergency Egress Point (EEP)/Emergency Access Point (EAP) will also be provided for the Project.

The SCL tunnel sections will be constructed underground by tunnel boring, cut-&-cover (C&C), mined, and drill & blast methods, while stations except Hin Keng, ventilation buildings, EEP/EAP, and works shafts will be constructed by open-cut and cut & cover excavation.

Generation of sediments is anticipated from (1) construction of cut-&-cover tunnel sections, ventilation buildings, and stations in the areas of Kai Tak, Ho Man Tin, Hung Hom, Causeway Bay, and Wanchai (Exhibition), (2) dredging works at Kai Tak for construction of a barging point, and (3) dredging works at Victoria Harbour and Causeway Bay Typhoon Shelter for construction of the Cross-Harbour Section. [Note: Dredging works for SCL Protection Works at Causeway Bay Typhoon Shelter (CBTS) has been separately reported by the CWB Project to which this Section was entrusted and is not included in this SCL Sediment Management Plan.]

In accordance with the Environment, Transport and Works Bureau Technical circular (Works) No. 34/2002 "Management of Dredged/Excavated Sediment" (ETWB TCW No. 34/2002), the Rationale for Sediment Removal was submitted to the Secretary of Marine Fill Committee (MFC) for agreement and approval of the allocation of sediment disposal site at sea.

2. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Sediment Management Plan (SMP) is to meet the requirements of the following conditions of the Environmental Permits (EP) for SCL:

- (1) EP No. EP-438/2012/A (for Tai Wai to Hung Hom Section) issued by Environmental Protection Department (EPD) dated 12 July 2012 under condition No. 2.12;
- (2) EP No. EP-437/2012 (for Mong Kok East to Hung Hom Section) issued by EPD dated 22 March 2012 under condition No. 2.10; and
- (3) EP No. EP-436/2012 (for Hung Hom to Admiralty Section) issued by EPD dated 22 March 2012 under condition No. 2.12.

The SMP would detail the proper treatment and handling of sediment to be generated from the construction of the Project before disposal.

3. SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT

Overview of Sediment Management Planning

ETWB TC(W) No. 34/2002 sets out the procedure for seeking approval to dredged/excavated

sediment and the management framework for marine disposal of dredged/excavated sediment. This Technical Circular outlines the requirements to be followed in assessing and classifying the sediment and explains the marine disposal arrangement for the classified material. Marine Dumping Permits from Environmental Protection Department (EPD) are required for marine disposal of dredged/excavated sediment in accordance with Dumping at Sea Ordinance (Cap. 466 DASO). To demonstrate the rationale for the sediment removal arising from proposed dredging and excavation works during the construction of the Project, submissions of "Rationales for Sediment Removal" were made and approved by MFC as follows:

Rationale for Sediment Removal	Coverage	Date approved by MFC
Phase 1 Tai Wai to Hung Hom Section	Tai Wai to Hung Hom, Kai Tak Barging Point, and Mong Kok East to Hung Hom	13 April 2010
Phase 2 Hung Hom to Admiralty Section	Immersed Tube Tunnel (IMT) and HK Island	21 January 2011

In essence, the Rationales for Sediment Removal have demonstrated the need for marine disposal of the excavated / dredged sediment arising from the SCL project.

Under ETWB TC(W) No. 34/2002, submissions of "Sediment Quality Reports" (SQR) were made and the current status of approval by EPD(DASO) is as follows:

SQR under SCL Works Section	SQR Coverage	Approval Status by EPD(DASO)
SQR 1	Tai Wai to Hung Hom	Approved on 8 June 2012
SQR 2	Kai Tak Barging Point	Approved on 29 July 2011 Resubmitted on 22 August 2012
SQR 3	Hung Hom & Approach Tunnels	Submitted on 13 June 2012
SQR 4	IMT	Submitted on 16 May 2012
SQR 5	HK Island	Submitted on 8 December 2011

(Note: The demarcation of the Works Sections covered by the respective SQRs is shown in **Annex I**)

Areas with Sediment Concern

According to the drillhole logs of SQRs, the areas having sediment concern are listed below:

- 1. C & C works area in Kai Tak Station and also tunnels within the Kai Tak Area. Sediment origin is from reclaimed land.
- 2. Dredging works at Kai Tak Barging Point, at seabed along Kai Tak Runway. Sediment origin is from existing seabed.
- 3. C & C works area in tunnels near Ho Man Tin. Sediment origin is from reclaimed land.
- 4. C & C works area in Hung Hom Station and approach tunnels. Sediment origin is from reclaimed land.
- 5. Dredging works along tunnel alignment in the Victoria Harbour between Hung Hom Freight Pier and Causeway Bay Typhoon Shelter. Sediment origin is from existing seabed.
- 6. C & C works area at Hung Hom and Causeway Bay seafront for IMT Ventilation Building. Sediment origin is from reclaimed land.
- 7. C & C works area in Exhibition Station. Sediment origin is from reclaimed land.

Works Area at Kai Tak and Ho Man Tin

A total of approximate 0.175 Mm³ sediment is anticipated from the excavation works at C & C works area in Kai Tak Station and also tunnels from within the Kai Tak Area and C & C works area in tunnels near Ho Man Tin. With a limited 3 ha stockpile area at Kai Tak which is already reserved for stockpiling other inert C&D materials for later backfilling for the Project (Works area at Kai Tak will be progressively handed over for Kai Tak Development (KTD) from 2016 onwards), it is proposed that

these marine sediments will be excavated and unloaded into the approved vessels at the barging point for marine disposal at locations designated by EPD and Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD).

Works Area at Kai Tak Barging Point

A total of approximate 0.034 Mm³ sediment is anticipated from the dredging works at seabed along Kai Tak Runway which is adjacent to the Kai Tak Barging Point. It is proposed that these marine sediments will be unloaded into the approved vessels directly from the dredging areas then transported for marine disposal at locations designated by EPD and CEDD.

Works Area at Hung Hom

A total of approximate 0.093 Mm³ sediment will be excavated from C & C works area in Hung Hom Station and approach tunnels and C & C works area at Hung Hom seafront for North Ventilation Building, Plant Rooms and Emergency Access (NOV). In view of large quantities with no stockpiling area available at this area, it is proposed that the sediments will be excavated and unloaded into the approved vessels at the barging point for marine disposal at locations as designated by EPD and CEDD.

Works Area at Cross Harbour Section (IMT)

A total of approximate 0.869 Mm³ sediment will be excavated from the dredging works across the Victoria Harbour. It is proposed that such large quantities of sediments will be unloaded into the approved vessels directly in the dredging areas then transported for marine disposal at locations as designated by EPD and CEDD for marine disposal.

Works Area at HK Island, Exhibition, & South Ventilation Shafts, Plant Rooms and Emergency Access (SOV)

A total of approximate 0.072 Mm³ sediment will be excavated at this area with no stockpiling areas available. It is proposed that the sediments will be excavated and unloaded into the approved vessels at site barging point for marine disposal at locations as designated by EPD and CEDD.

4. VOLUME AND QUALITY OF SEDIMENT GENERATED

In accordance with the ETWB TCW No. 34/2002 "Management of Dredged / Excavated Sediment", sediments are classified into (i) Type 1 (Open Sea Disposal) (hereinafter as Type 1), (ii) Type 1 (Open Sea Disposal Dedicated Sites) (hereinafter as Type 1*), (iii) Type 2 (Confined Marine Disposal) (hereinafter as Type 2) and (iv) Type 3 (Special Treatment/ Disposal) (hereinafter as Type 3) according to the levels of the contaminants. MFC will then determine the most appropriate disposal sites according to the types of sediment.

The estimated volume of sediment quality of sediments required to be dredged / excavated has been studied based on the latest investigation results and approved SQRs. The approximate estimated volume and predicted quality of the dredged/excavated sediment to be generated from the SCL are summarized in Table 4.1 below. Moreover, the total volume of sediments which has been estimated in the SCL EIA Reports is presented in Table 4.1 to illustrate the changes. The quantities of different types of sediment for each section of the SCL have also been presented as far as practicable for comparison with the SCL EIA Reports. Considering the interface and complexity of SCL (TAW-HUH) and SCL (MKK-HUH) at Hung Hom, it is not feasible to segregate the sediment to be generated in the Hung Hom area and comparison of the total quantities for SCL (TAW-HUH) and SCL (MKK-HUH) in the EIA Reports with the SMP has been made.

Table 4.1 Approximate Estimated Quantities for Disposal of Dredged/Excavated Sediment

Works Area		Estimated Quantity (x 1000 m ³) and Category				
WOIRS Alea	Type 1	Type 1*	Type 2	Type 3	Sub Total	
SCL (TAW-HUH) & SCL (MKK-HUH)						
EWL (Kai Tak & Ho Man Tin) (2)	157.1	7.8	9.7	0	174.6	
EWL (Kai Tak Barging Point) ⁽²⁾	0.1	0	16.3	18	34.4	
NSL Phase 1 (Hung Hom Station & Approach Tunnels) (3)	65.6	0	27.4	0	93	
Sub-total Sub-total	222.8	7.8	53.4	18	302	
Sub-total in EIA Reports	243.4	14.7	90.2	29.2	377.5	
Difference between SMP and EIA Reports	-20.6	-6.9	-36.8	-11.2	-75.5	
SCL (HUH-ADM)						
NSL Phase 2 (IMT) (3)	202.1	33.7	616.6	16.7	869.1	
NSL Phase 2 (HK Island, Exhibition, & SOV) (3)	47	0	24.9	0	71.9	
Sub-total Sub-total	249.1	33.7	641.5	16.7	941	
Sub-total in EIA Report	315	14	496.3	16.5	841.8	
Difference between SMP and EIA Report	-65.9	19.7	145.2	0.2	99.2	
SCL - Overall						
Total Quantities in SMP	471.9	41.5	694.9	34.7	1,243	
Total Quantities in EIA Reports	558.4	28.7	586.5	45.7	1,219.3	
Difference between SMP and EIA Reports (x1000 m³)	-86.5	12.8	108.4	-11	23.7	
Difference between SMP and EIA Reports (%)	-15.5	44.6	18.5	-24.1	1.9	

Note:

- (1) Possible disposal sites are proposed based on ETWB TC(W) No. 34/2002 which is subject to further confirmation by EPD/CEDD.
 - Open Sea Disposal for Type 1 Sediment.
 - Dedicated Open Sea Disposal for Type 1* Sediment.
 - Confined Marine Disposal (i.e. East Sha Chau Mud Pit) for Type 2 Sediment.
- (2) Quantity and quality are based on SQR approved by EPD(DASO).
- (3) Quantity and quality are based on SQR submitted but not yet approved by EPD(DASO).

As seen from Table 4.1, a reduction of approximate 0.076 Mm³ is achieved in SCL (TAW-HUH) and SCL (MKK-HUH) due to the reduction of dredging extent in Kai Tak Barging Point and excavation extent of Kai Tak Station. On the other than, the quantities of sediments to be generated in SCL (HUH-ADM) are increased about 0.099 Mm³ when compared with EIA Report for SCL (HUH-ADM). The major contribution of the changes is due to the increase in quantities of Type 2 sediment in IMT. Overall, the total quantities of sediments to be generated of whole SCL are slightly increased about 0.024 Mm³ (approximately 2% of the total quantity), thus, the potential impact of overall increase is surmountable and the findings and recommendations on sediment management presented in the approved EIA Reports are still valid. Nevertheless, the quantity of sediment to be disposed would be critically reviewed and reduced as far as possible.

The variance of the sediment generation has also been notified MFC in a meeting on 21 June 2012.

The tentative programme of disposal of dredged/excavated sediment is indicated in Table 4.2 below.

Table 4.2 Tentative Schedule of Disposal of Dredged/Excavated Sediment

Year	Quantity (Mm³)				
	Type 1	Type 1*	Type 2	Type 3	
2012	0.027	0.001	0.019	0.018	
2013	0.126	0.005	0.012	-	
2014	0.050	0.001	0.012	-	
2015	0.058	0.002	0.070	0.002	
Beyond 2015	0.211	0.032	0.582	0.015	

Experience in Kowloon South Line (KSL) is Type 1 sediment to South Cheung Chau/ East Nine Pin and Type 2 sediment to East Sha Chau. For Type 3 sediment disposal, consultation has been made with EPD to identify for his agreement the most appropriate treatment and/or disposal arrangement, as stipulated in ETWB TCE No. 34/2002, which is detailed in Section 5 below. A quota for dumping of SCL's marine sediments is being sought from MFC. Please refer to **Annex II** for the Allocation of Disposal Space for the "Barging Facility at Kai Tak Runway" obtained from MFC regarding confirmed SCL sediment disposal requirements at this Works Section based on approved SQR2. Similar applications and allocations of mud pit allocations for other SCL Works Sections are anticipated, pending on approvals of SQRs.

Availability of mud pit is under discussion with MFC with consideration of both existing and under development for the longer term such as new sites at South Brothers for confined marine disposal. Alternative disposal of land based marine sediments at strategic landfills has also been explored with EPD. This form of disposal is, however, not considered as the most appropriate waste management method. Please refer to **Annex III** for details.

5. HANDLING AND TREATMENT METHODS FOR SEDIMENT BEFORE DISPOSAL

Dumping permits shall be applied by the contractors for disposal of the marine sediments to the respective dumping sites allocated by the MFC in accordance with the DASO. The conditions in the dumping permits and the EPs should be complied with. Different categories of sediment are handled as follows.

During Excavation and Dredging

Requirements of the Air Pollution Control (Construction Dust) Regulation, where relevant, shall be adhered to during excavation / dredging, transportation and disposal of sediments.

In order to minimise the exposure to contaminated materials, workers shall, when necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipments (PPE) when handling contaminated sediments. Adequate washing and cleaning facilities shall also be provided on site.

All construction plant and equipment shall be designed and maintained to minimise the risk of silt, sediments, contaminants or other pollutants being released into the water column or deposited in the locations other than designated location. Dredging shall be carried out by close grab dredger with silt curtain in compliance with the dredging rates as stipulated in the EPs.

All vessels shall be sized such that adequate draft is maintained between vessels and the sea bed at all states of the tide to ensure that undue turbidity is not generated by turbulence from vessel movement or propeller wash.

Due to limited work areas, stockpiling of sediments would only be considered as last resort. As discussed above, sediment will be excavated / dredged and unloaded into the approved vessels at the barging point or directly in the dredging areas for marine disposal.

If temporary stockpiling of contaminated sediments is necessary, the excavated sediment shall be covered by tarpaulin and the area shall be placed within earth bunds or sand bags to prevent leachate from entering the ground, nearby drains and/or surrounding water bodies. The

stockpiling areas shall be completely paved or covered by linings in order to avoid contamination to underlying soil or groundwater. Separate and clearly defined areas shall be provided for stockpiling of different categories of sediment and other materials. Leachate, if any, shall be collected and discharged according to the Water Pollution Control Ordinance (WPCO).

In order to minimise the potential odour / dust emissions during excavation, dredging and transportation of the sediment, the excavated sediments shall be wetted during excavation, dredging and material handling and shall be properly covered when placed on trucks or barges. Loading of the excavated/ dredged sediment to the barge shall be controlled to avoid splashing and overflowing of the sediment slurry to the surrounding water.

During Transportation

Before moving the vessels which are used for transporting dredged material, excess material shall be cleaned from the decks and exposed fittings of vessels and the excess materials shall never be dumped into the sea except at the approved locations.

Adequate freeboard shall be maintained on barges to ensure that decks are not washed by wave action.

All vessels transporting material shall be monitored to ensure that no dumping outside the approved location takes place. Logs and other records shall be kept and produced to demonstrate compliance and that journeys are consistent with designated locations.

All bottom dumping vessels (hopper barges) transporting the sediments to the designated disposal sites shall be equipped with tight fitting seals to prevent leakage and shall not be filled to a level that would cause overflow of materials or laden water during loading or transportation. In addition, monitoring of the barge loading shall be conducted to ensure that loss of material does not take place during transportation. Transport barges or vessels shall be equipped with automatic self-monitoring devices as specified by the Director of Environmental Protection. The material shall be placed into the disposal pit by bottom dumping.

Discharge shall be undertaken rapidly and the hoppers shall be closed immediately. Material adhering to the sides of the hopper shall not be washed out of the hopper and the hopper shall remain closed until the barge returns to the disposal site.

Special Treatment/ Disposal for Type 3 Sediment

Type 3 sediment is anticipated to be encountered during dredging in Kai Tak Barging Point and Victoria Harbour. "Proposals for Disposal of Type 3 Sediment Using Geosynthetic Container" have also been approved by EPD with corresponding SQRs. The Geosynthetic containment method is a method whereby the sediments are sealed in geosynthetic containers and, the containers would be dropped into the designated contaminated mud pit where they would be covered by further mud disposal and later by the mud pit capping at the disposal site, thereby fulfilling the requirements for fully confined mud disposal. The handling and disposal procedures as stated in the "Proposals for Disposal of Type 3 Sediment Using Geosynthetic Container" or other method to be approved by EPD(DASO) in dumping permit shall be followed.

6. CONCLUSION

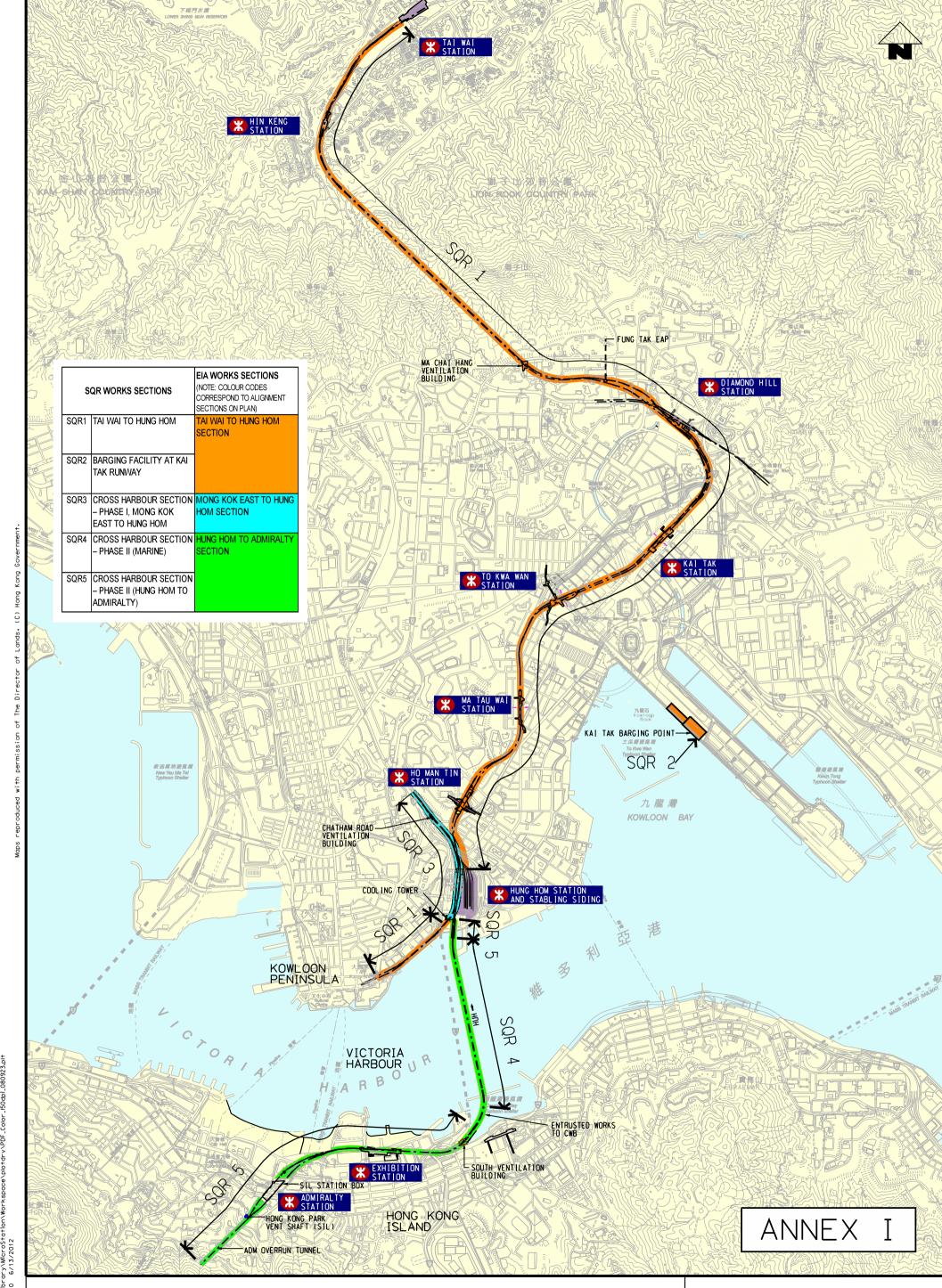
The major works which would generate dredged/excavated sediments under the Project include (1) construction of cut-&-cover tunnel sections, ventilation buildings, and stations in the areas of Kai Tak, Ho Man Tin, Hung Hom, Causeway Bay, and Wanchai (Exhibition), (2) dredging works at Kai Tak for construction of a barging point, and (3) dredging works at Victoria Harbour and Causeway Bay Typhoon Shelter for construction of the Cross-Harbour Section.

The Rationale for Sediment Removal for the major dredged/excavated sediment generators of the Project has been approved by MFC.

Five Sediment Quality Reports have been submitted to EPD(DASO) for approval with two nos. approved at the time of preparing this SMP.

Application to MFC for the allocation of the sediment dumping site shall be made after the relevant SQR approval.

Dumping permits shall be applied by the contractors for disposal of the marine sediments to the respective dumping sites allocated by the MFC in accordance with the DASO.



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Barging Facility at Kai Tak Runway

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I refer to MTRC's letter SCL-COR-CM(SCLC)-GEO-001296 dated 22 February 2012 enclosing the approved SQRs and the subsequent e-mail from MTRC about the subject.

2. We hereby allocate the following sediment disposal spaces for the respective categories of sediments arising from the dredging works of the subject project:

Category of Sediments	In-situ Volume of Sediment	Sediment Disposal Spaces	
Category L Sediment	111 m³	ii ii	
Category M _f Sediments (i.e. Category M Sediment failing biological test)	2,214 m ³	Subareas to be directed on site	
Category H Sediment (i.e. Category H Sediment not requiring biological test)	1,077 m³	within the Mud Pit Va of Ea Sha Chau Confined Marin Sediment Disposal facility	
Category H _p Sediment (i.e. Category H Sediment passing biological test)	25,472 m³		
Category H ₁ Sediment (i.e. Category H Sediment failing biological test)	27,144 m³	Disposal method to be agreed by EPD	

- 3. The allocation is subject to the attached "General Allocation Conditions for Marine Disposal Sites" and "Special Allocation Conditions". Please note that it is the responsibility of the Allocatee to identify the appropriate party to implement the above Conditions.
- 4. You are reminded to submit the information indicated in Clauses 5, 6, 10 and 11 of the "General Allocation Conditions" when they are available.

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ALLOCATION OF MARINE DISPOSAL SPACE Under ETWB TCW 34/2002 (or PNAP ADV-21 for Private Projects)

Allocation Number	Keter to referenced number of the allocation letter		
Contract /Project Name	Barging Facility at Kai Tak Runway		
Location and Details of the Works involving Dredging	Dredging Works for Barging Facility at Kai Tak Runway		
Project Proponent (Allocatee)	HyD		
Dredging Rationale Approval Date	13 April 2010	Sediment Quality Report Approval Date	29 July 2011

In accordance with ETWB TCW 34/2002 (or PNAP ADV-21 for private projects, hereinafter called the Circular), we hereby allocate to the above Allocatee the following marine disposal spaces for the respective categories of sediments arising from the above dredging works subject to due compliance and execution of the attached General Allocation Conditions and the following Special Conditions:

Category of Sediments	In-situ Volume of Sediment	Sediment Disposal Spaces	
Category L Sediment	111 m ³		
Category M _f Sediments (i.e. Category M Sediment failing biological test)	2,214 m ³	Subareas to be directed on site within the Mud Pit Va of East Sha Chau Confined Marine Sediment Disposal facility	
Category H Sediment (i.e. Category H Sediment not requiring biological test)	1,077 m³		
Category H _p Sediment (i.e. Category H Sediment passing biological test)	25,472 m ³		
Category H _f Sediment (i.e. Category H Sediment failing biological test)	27,144 m ³	Disposal method to be agreed by EPD	

Special Conditions

- 1. "In-situ volume of the sediment" means the volume of such sediment in its original place before it is dredged/excavated. Disposals of the sediments in excess of their volumes above are not permitted.
- 2. The sediments resided have to be kept below the levels specified by the DASO permits. If sediments were found resided above these levels within the concerned disposal spaces, the Allocatee shall propose remedial measures and rectify the situations to the satisfaction of all the parties concerned.
- 3. While the seabeds at some areas of the allocated marine disposal space may be less than 1.0 m below the maximum levels above, extreme care should be exercised to avoid the sediments being resided above these levels.
- 4. The Allocatee may require to carry out bathymetry survey at the allocated disposal area when consider necessary.
- The allocation shall expire on 31 July 2013.

Marine Fill Committee Secretariat Civil Engineering and Development Department March 2012

ANNEX III

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Shatin to Central Link (SCL) Disposal of Sediment (Land Based) to Landfill

I refer to your letter under reference dated 8 December 2009.

Based on the nature and quantity of the marine sediment to be generated from the captioned project, landfill disposal is not considered as the most appropriate waste management method. For disposal of marine sediment, please follow the procedure in "ETWB Technical Circular (Works) No. 34/2002 - Management of Dradge/ Excavated Sediment". Please also explore other feasible options such as on-site and/or off-site reuses of the marine sediment before considering off-site disposal.

Please take into account the above in your EIA and waste management plan. In the event that special disposal of small amount of Type 3 marine sediment at landfills is required, please provide full justification including the findings and recommendations in the approved ElA Report, Waste Management Plan and Contamination Assessment Report for our consideration. The disposal of contaminated marine sediment at landfills would only be considered when alternative options of waste reduction, recycling, reuse and disposal have been fully explored and the proposed landfill disposal as the last resort has been substantiated.

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