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Attn: Ms. HSU Ping Ping, Alice

Dear Madam,

Environmental Permit No. EP-513/2016
Development of Anderson Road Quarry Site –
Road Improvement Works

Transplantation Completion Report

Please be informed that all the 49 seedlings (A1-A32 and A37-A53) have been successfully transplanted, and additional 6 individual seedlings (B1-B6), which were also found on site, have also been transplanted.

In this regard, I submit herewith 4 hard copies and 1 electronic copy of the following documents for your reference and retention in accordance with the Condition 2.14c of EP-513/2016:

- NE201703 Transplantation Completion Report (Version 1.1) together with a table of the responses to IEC's comments
- IEC's confirmation letter (Ref.: HKCEDD12/50/105706)

Yours faithfully,



Paul LEE
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Project Manager Delegate

Encl. (4 hard copies and 1 electronic copy)

c.c. *Project Manager* for this contract (CE/E2, CEDD)
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- Attn: Mr. S K LEUNG
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- NE201703 Transplantation Completion Report (Version 1.1)
- Table of the responses to IEC's comments



CONTRACT NO: NE/2017/03

**DEVELOPMENT OF
ANDERSON ROAD QUARRY SITE -
ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORKS**

TRANSPLANTATION COMPLETION REPORT

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Transplantation Completion Report for Contract No. NE/2017/03 Development of Anderson Road Quarry Site – Road Improvement Works and Pedestrian Connectivity Facilities Works Phase 2A

1. INTRODUCTION

Lam Environmental Services Limited was appointed by Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) as the Environmental Team (ET) under Environmental Permit No. EP-513/2016 for Contract No. NE/2017/03 Development of Anderson Road Quarry Site – Road Improvement Works and Pedestrian Connectivity Facilities Works Phase 2A.

A total of 51 plant individuals, including two *Aquilaria sinensis* (土沉香) trees and 49 seedlings were recommended for transplantation according to information from the separately submitted vegetation survey report. They include two trees R-T02142-(T) and R-T02157-(F), as well as 49 seedlings A1–A32, A37–A53 at Clear Water Bay Road/ On Sau Road site.

According to the transplantation proposal prepared by Plant Specialist of the ET, an approved method statement for transplanting the 49 seedlings has been separately submitted by the Contractor; while transplantation of the two mature trees R-T02142-(T) and R-T02157-(F) is pending further justification and approval (refers to separately submitted supplementary information).

This transplantation completion report recorded transplantation procedures and results for the 49 target seedlings.

2. METHODOLOGY

Based on the approved method statement, transplantation works were carried out by the Landscape Specialist Contractor on 20 March 2019, with onsite supervision of the Supervisor of the Contract and Plant Specialist of the Environmental Team. The cloudy weather with shower was suitable for transplantation, with lower heat and desiccation stress.

Designed receptor site (RSB as per the transplantation proposal) has received minimum vegetation clearance for building temporary access for the 3-year post-transplantation monitoring and maintenance programme (**Plate 1**). There will be no construction activities at RSB, of which the access is exclusively built for post-transplantation monitoring and maintenance works. Nonetheless, RBS was enclosed with warning tapes. Warning sign was placed at the only entrance against unintentional entry of site staff.

Since RSB is within Project NE/2016/01 which has its security guards and system for the project area. This serves certain protection against potential illegal loggers from entering the area (**Plate 1**).

Locations of each planting pit were agreed by the Plant Specialist and the Supervisor of the Contract with adequate spacing for future growth of seedlings. Each pit was marked by a bamboo stick (**Plate 2**). No plant species of conservation importance were detected at the planting area of seedlings.

By following the transplantation proposal, all target seedlings were dug up with caution by hand-held shovel by Landscape Specialist Contractor, individually placed upright in pots, counted, irrigated and delivered to the receptor site (**Plate 3**). Meanwhile, planting pits were ready right before transplantation at each marked location. They were optimized at two to three times the width; and same depth of the rootball at the surface wherever practical. All seedlings were transplanted in the pits within two hours of lifting.

3. RESULTS

All 49 seedlings (A1-A32 and A37-A53) were successfully transplanted, an additional 6 individuals found *in-situ* were also transplanted. They were named as B1-B6. All missing tags would be added for the first monitoring started on 1st April 2019. Their measurement and condition is detailed in **Table 1**. Photographic record for all 55 seedlings is illustrated in **Appendix 1**.

4. OTHER OBSERVATIONS

We revealed the original growing site of target seedlings is full of boulders after clearance of dense ground vegetation has been carried out. Rocks/ boulders exposed under a few centimetres of top soil around root zones for some seedlings (**Plate 4**). Some other seedlings were even growing among rock crevices.

For closely growing seedlings (in case of A18 & A40; and A23 & A31), their roots may have crossed together. In order to avoid further root damage and loss of soil in rootball, they were dug up together and transplanting in the same planting pit.

Despite a rootball with tap-root, most lateral roots and absorbing roots was maintained as far as possible, some root cuts were unavoidable. Sign of dehydration, leaf yellowing/ wilting, or even die-off is expected in coming monitoring before the transplanted seedlings have recovered and established new root system at the receptor site.

Post- transplantation monitoring and maintenance works (e.g. watering, weeding, spraying off construction dust and fertilization) shall follow the approved transplantation proposal and method statement.

Figure 1. Location plan for the 55 transplanted seedlings at receptor site RSB.

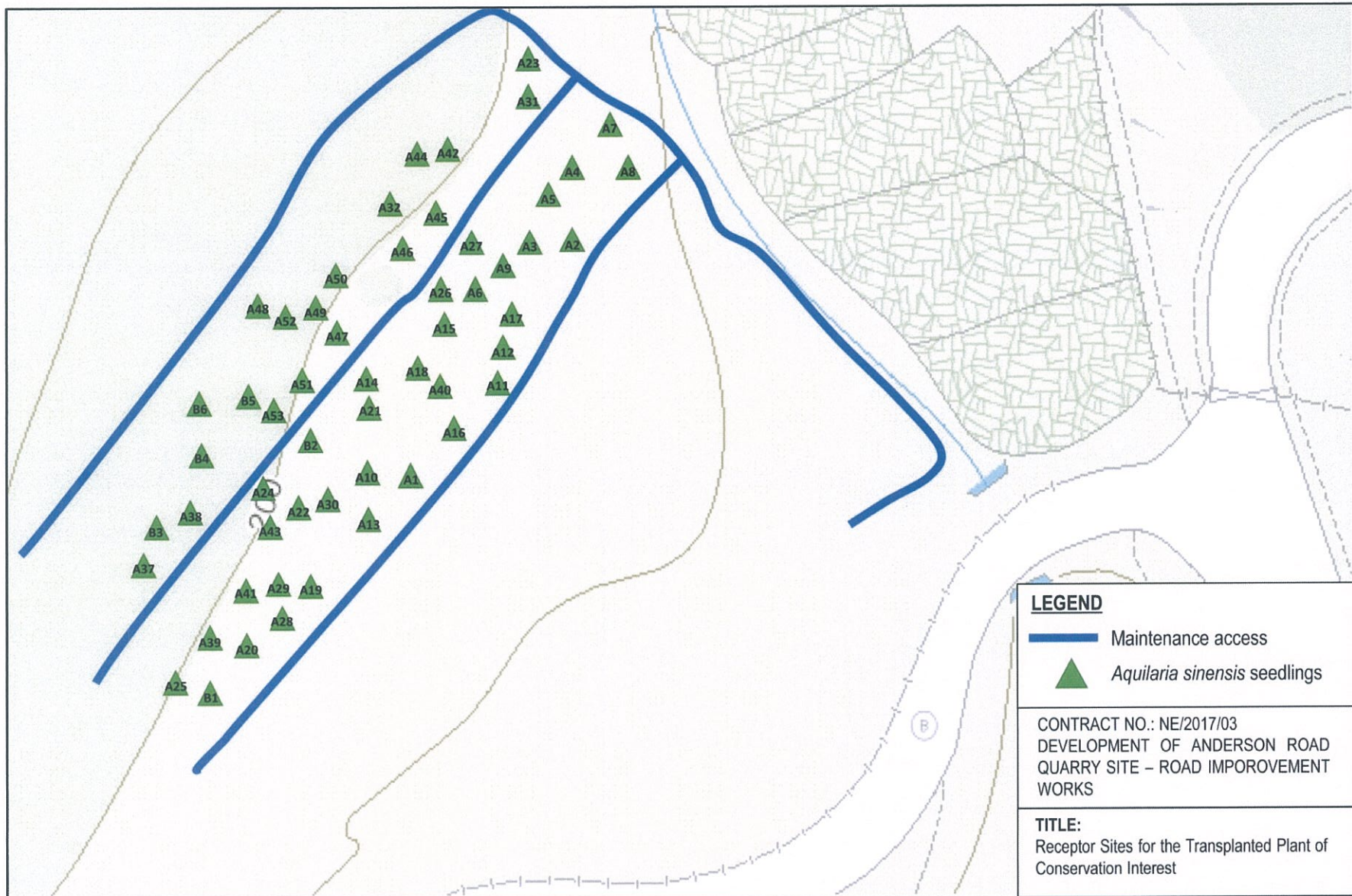


Plate 1. Vegetation clearance was kept at minimum for building temporary access to the transplantation receptor site.



Plate 2. Each planting pit agreed by the Plant Specialist and the Supervisor of the Contract was marked by a bamboo stick prior to transplantation.



Plate 3. All 55 seedlings were dug up with caution by hand-held shovel by Landscape Specialist Contractor, individually placed upright in pots and delivered to the receptor site.



Plate 3 cont'd. All 55 seedlings were counted and irrigated before transplanting to the receptor site.



Plate 4. Original growing site of target seedlings is full of boulders as revealed by digging up the top soil (left). Some seedlings were even growing among rock crevices (right).



Table 1. Individuals of 55 seedlings being transplanted.

No.	Height (m)	Crown spread (m)	Form	Health condition	Structural condition	Amenity value
A1	0.43	0.5	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A2	0.47	0.68	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A3	0.55	0.6	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A4	1.07	1	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A5	0.95	0.62	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A6	0.35	0.48	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A7	0.75	0.74	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A8	0.5	0.43	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A9	0.7	0.8	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A10	0.37	0.32	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A11	0.5	0.55	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A12	0.32	0.28	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A13	0.29	0.27	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A14	0.72	0.48	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A15	0.48	0.44	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A16	0.49	0.41	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A17	0.53	0.5	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A18	0.65	0.47	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A19	0.32	0.39	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A20	0.3	0.25	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A21	0.43	0.55	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A22	0.5	0.4	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A23	0.9	0.83	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A24	0.31	0.22	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A25	0.34	0.32	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A26	0.41	0.22	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A27	0.46	0.53	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A28	0.4	0.32	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A29	0.56	0.28	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A30	0.51	0.34	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A31	0.44	0.3	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A32	0.33	0.27	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A37	0.26	0.41	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A38	0.36	0.29	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair

Table 1 (cont'd). Individuals of plant species of conservation importance recommended for transplantation.

No.	Height (m)	Crown spread (m)	Form	Health condition	Structural condition	Amenity value
A39	0.35	0.32	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A40	0.17	0.15	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A41	0.25	0.2	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A42	0.34	0.34	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A43	0.3	0.27	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A44	0.27	0.2	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A45	0.29	0.25	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A46	0.31	0.43	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A47	0.23	0.17	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A48	0.14	0.15	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A49	0.3	0.26	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A50	0.34	0.35	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A51	0.24	0.29	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A52	0.36	0.28	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
A53	0.35	0.29	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
B1	0.4	0.2	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
B2	0.25	0.19	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
B3	0.12	0.11	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
B4	0.64	0.17	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
B5	0.18	0.1	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair
B6	0.25	0.2	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair

Note:

DBH are not measured for seedlings

Appendix 1

Photographic records of 55 transplanted *Aquilaria sinensis* seedlings
(49 previously recorded individuals plus 6 additional seedlings).



A1



A2



A3



A4



A5



A6



A7



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A15



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B5



B6

Transplantation Completion Report

<u>Comments from IEC on 9 April 2019</u>			<u>Responses to comments on 16 April 2019</u>
Item	Section	Comments	
1	Appendix 1	It is unclear what is meant by out of scope for the A33-36. Please further elaborate.	The note is deleted for simplicity.
2	Methodology	It is mentioned that the designed receptor site has received minimum vegetation clearance. Please further elaborate and whether any detected plant species of conservation importance were contained in the receptor site for the 49 seedlings, and whether appropriate procedures including fencing off the detected plant species to prevent from damage from transplantation works were executed.	No plant species of conservation importance were detected at the planting area of seedlings. This sentence is added in 3 rd para. of methodology.
3	Methodology	Please further include whether the receptor sites has been secured by appropriate barriers/fence against accidental encroachment during construction phase and as a kind of protection from illegal loggers. Please include photos.	2 nd para. is expanded with a newly added 3 rd para and photos in Plate 1. “There will be no construction activities at RSB, of which the access is exclusively built for post-transplantation monitoring and maintenance works. Nonetheless, RBS was enclosed with warning tapes. Warning sign was placed at the only entrance against

			<p>unintentional entry of site staff.</p> <p>Since RSB is within Project NE/2016/01 which has its security guards and system for the project area. This serves certain protection against potential illegal loggers from entering the area (Plate 1)”.</p>
4	Methodology	Please elaborate to indicate whether the plantation pits were two to three times the width and the same depth of the rootball at the surface as mentioned in the transplantation proposal.	Sentence “They were optimized at two to three times the width; and same depth of the rootball at the surface wherever practical.” was added at last para. of methodology.
5	Methodology	Please elaborate on how the seedling were dug up with "caution". It is mentioned in the transplantation proposal that the whole root ball will be dug out with holding the stem base above soil layer but not simply pulled out by forcing the stem. Was this procedure followed while digging up the seedlings?	<p>Yes, this procedure is followed.</p> <p>“By following the transplantation proposal, all...”was added at 1st sentence of the last para. in methodology.</p> <p>Details are not copied here again to dilute focus of this completion report. All transplantation works was done based on the approved transplantation proposal.</p>
6	Methodology	It is mentioned in the transplantation proposal that the trees shall be transplanted within 2 hours of lifting. Please include the duration of	Sentence “All seedlings were transplanted in the pits within two hours of lifting.” was added at last para. of methodology.

		the procedure.	
7	Methodology	Please include the procedures of planting of the seedlings as the methodology only mentions up to the transportation of the seedlings.	Response in item 6 above has included the planting procedure.

- IEC's confirmation letter (Ref.: HKCEDD12/50/105706)



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BY POST

Dear Sirs

Agreement No. EDO/04/2017
Independent Environmental Checker (IEC) for Development of Anderson Road Quarry Site
– Road Improvement Works
Transplantation Completion Report

We refer to the emails on 9 and 16 April 2019 from Environmental Team, Lam Environmental Services Limited attaching a Transplantation Completion Report for the captioned project.

We have no further comment and hereby verify the abovementioned Transplantation Completion Report in accordance with Clause 2.14c and 2.15 of the Environmental Permit no. EP-513/2016.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned or our Ms Angie Chan on 2618 2831.

Yours faithfully
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