PROPOSED INSTALLATION

OF

RADIO REPEATER STATION

ΑT

TAI LONG AU

SAI KUNG EAST COUNTRY PARK

TAI PO

NT

PROJECT PROFILE

ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT



JULY 2008

Basic Information

Project Title

 Proposed Installation of Radio Repeater Station at Tai Long Au, Sai Kung East Country Park, Tai Po, NT.

Purpose and Nature of the Project

2. This project is for the installation of a radio repeater station to enhance the overall government communication network.

Name of Project Proponent

3. Architectural Services Department.

Location and Scale of the Project

4. The radio repeater station is proposed at Tai Long Au, Sai Kung East Country Park, Tai Po, as shown at the location plan at **Appendix I**. The station will comprise of an equipment platform (5.2m (I) x 2.6m (w) x 0.5m (d)) with an area of 13.5 square meters. The equipment platform, consisting of 1 radio repeater equipment hut (3m (I) x 1.9m (w) x 2.7m (h)) and 4 antenna poles of each 1.2m high above roof level, will be erected on the hill top at level 214mPD. The equipment platform will be constructed of ready mixed cast in-situ concrete which will be transported to the proposed site by helicopter. All the construction materials, equipment and wastes, etc., will be transported to and away from the site by helicopter and not by hand. No haul road will be constructed.

- 5. Lands Department has agreed in principle to the establishment of the radio repeater station at the proposed location. The provisional plan from the DLO(Tai Po) regarding the relevant Permanent Government Land Allocation (TP407) is at **Appendix II**.
- 6. Electricity supply from CLP will be provided for the radio repeater station.
- 7. The radio coverage and the impact on the environment are the salient factors in the site selection process. The proposed site is considered the most suitable to provide significant coverage to enhance the government communication network. Other alternatives have also been considered, but were found unsuitable.

Number and Types of Designated Projects to be Covered

8. The project involves a radio repeater station to be installed at the proposed location as shown in **Appendix I**. According to EIAO Schedule 2, PART I, Section Q.1, the proposed project is a designated project as it involves building works in an existing country park and it is not under exceptional cases in Section Q1 (a) to (j).

Name and Telephone Number of Contact Person

9. The contact person for this project is Mr James TAM of Architectural Services Department, telephone number 2773 2603 and facsimile number 2765 7153.

Outline of Planning and Implementation Programme

Planning and Implementation

- 10. The project is planned and managed by the Architectural Services Department and there will be a total of 1 radio repeater equipment but to be installed at the proposed location.
- 11. Upon the granting of the Permanent Government Land Grant approval from the DLO(Tai Po), the construction works will be started according to the works schedule. DLO(Tai Po) has circulated the Permanent Government Land Grant documents to all relevant departments for comments and no adverse comment nor objection has been received.

Works Schedule

- 12. The construction works including the equipment hut and antennas installation are proposed to commence in October 2008 and to be completed by February 2009. It is proposed that the radio repeater station will be put into operation in the first quarter of 2009. The proposed works schedule is at **Appendix III**.
- 13. It is anticipated the excavated materials will be transported off the site immediately by helicopter. Also the exposed excavated surface will be immediately screeded with cement / sand or binding layer to make the surface impervious. Furthermore, the excavated area will be covered completely prior to concreting to minimise the possibility of surface run off from the site.

Possible Impact on the Environment

Construction Impacts

- 14. The landscape and visual impact during construction and after completion of works is minimised, the relevant mitigation measures are addressed in paragraphs 21 23.
- 15. Noise emission during the construction is minimised, the relevant mitigation measures are addressed in paragraph 24.
- 16. Disposal of wastes including some surplus construction material and some general refuse is considered minimal, the relevant mitigation measures are addressed in paragraph 25.
- 17. Dust impact from construction activities is considered to be minimal and is addressed in paragraph 26.
- 18. Earthworks operation is minimal as the excavation depth is less than 1000mm. No excavation machine will be involved and there will be no blasting operation.
- 19. Night-time works is not required for the construction of the project.
- 20. No ecological impact is anticipated during the construction and on completion of the project.

Operational Impacts

21. Completion of the radio repeater station will not cause any significant change to the environment. The site layout plan, section and typical detail of the proposed radio repeater station are shown in Appendix IV to illustrate the appearance of the repeater station.

Major Elements of the Surrounding Environment

22. The major elements of the surrounding environment are as follows:

Countryside setting -

The proposed site comprises of an equipment platform situated on the hill of the country park. Bush and grass are scattered around the proposed site. To the north of the radio repeater station is an existing slope. An existing Water Services Department Fresh Water Tank is located at about 2.6 m away from the southern edge of the equipment platform. To the east of the equipment platform is an existing slope. To the west of the equipment platform is the CSL and other 6 cell phone operators' Integrated Mobile Phone Base Station (which is also a Designated Project, submitted for Applications for Permission to Apply Directly for an Environmental Permit in April 2007). No stream is found Furthermore, no radiation monitoring station, air near the site. sensitive receiver, noise sensitive receiver and ecological sensitive receiver or heritage sensitive receiver is located in the surrounding Therefore, the installation will not affect the present environment. setting of the Countrypark.

The site is surrounded by bushes and grass, which is commonly found in Hong Kong. No tree is required to be felled to provide the necessary area for the installation of the proposed radio repeater station.

<u>Environmental Protection Measures to be Incorporated in the Design and any</u> Further Environmental Implications

- 23. The site layout and building design have incorporated the comments of Country and Marine Park Authority. In order to further avoid the visual impact of the station, the antenna poles and the equipment hut will be painted or coated in "Antique" (B.S. 10B25 or Pantone 462U) or similar subdue colour to match the surroundings and to the satisfaction of the Country and Marine Park Authority. As for the landscaping, all temporarily disturbed areas should be reinstated to their original states with hydroseeding of grasses and / or shrub planting as appropriate.
- 24. Only hand held equipment will be used for construction, heavy equipment will not be used. Also noise sensitive receiver is more than 600m away from the site. Therefore, noise impact is anticipated to be minimal during the construction. Nevertheless, construction activities will be carried out in daytime (9:00 19:00). Since there will be hikers enjoying their recreational activities in the Country Park at the weekend and public holidays, no construction works will be scheduled on Saturday, Sunday and public holidays in order to minimise the impact on the hikers.
- 25. All the construction materials, equipment and wastes, etc., will be transported to and away from the site by helicopter and not by hand.
- 26. The site will be completely water down to minimise any dust that may be generated during the construction stage.
- 27. The Standard Pollution Mitigation Measures will be incorporated in relevant works contracts during the construction phase of the works, and in close supervision under the Architectural Services Department. The operation of the proposed sites is unmanned and will not generate noise nor any effect on air quality and water quality.

- 28. The operation of the proposed radio repeater station will strictly comply with the "Code of Practice for the Protection of Workers and Members of Public Against Non-Ionizing Radiation Hazards from Radio Transmitting Equipment" issued by OFTA.
- 29. The radio repeater station will be cleaned and painted every year if necessary to maintain the good condition of the site. Except in case of any troubleshooting and emergency repair, the periodic inspection will only be carried out every three months in the first year and once a year afterwards. The low inspection frequency will therefore not give any significant impact on the environment.

APPENDICES

Appendix I Site Location Plan

Appendix II Provisional PGLA Plan from DLO(Tai Po)

Appendix III Proposed Works Schedule

Appendix IV Site Layout Plan, Section, Typical Details and Site Photo

Appendix I

Site Location Plan

Appendix 1: Site Overview



Fig. 1: Aerial Photo View of Proposed Site Location

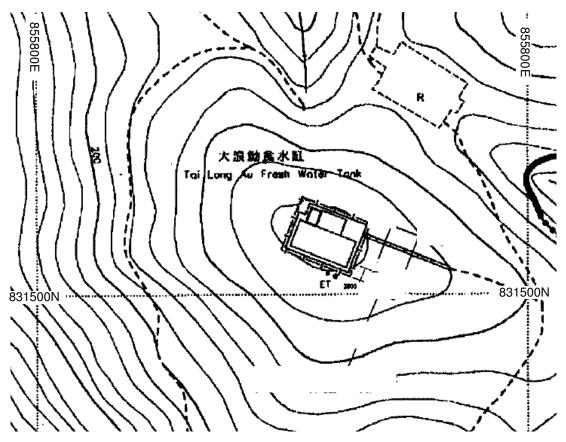
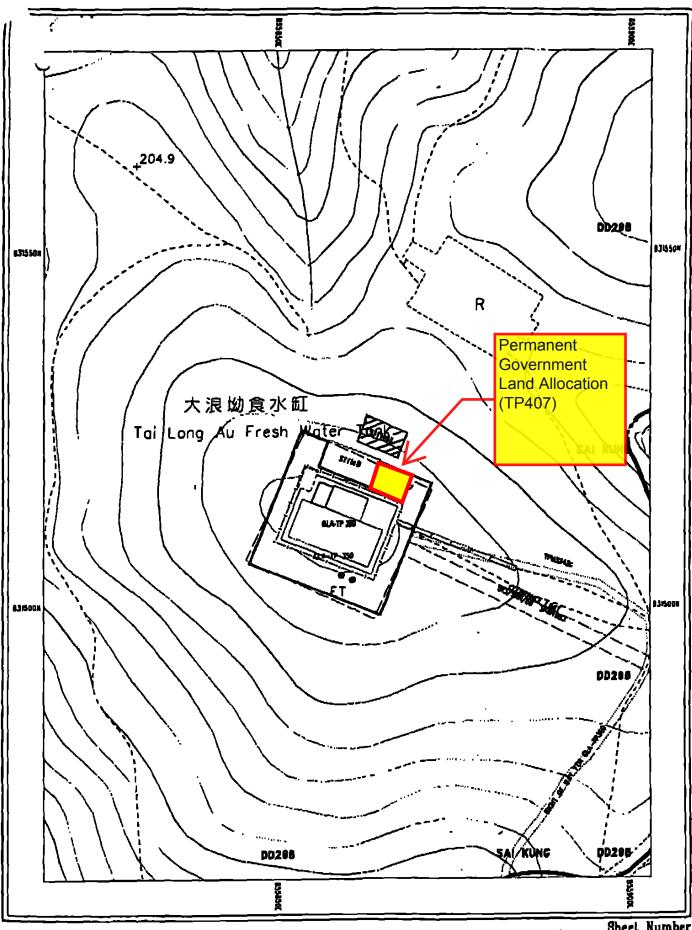


Fig. 2: Lot Index Plan of Existing Site Structures

Appendix II

Provisional PGLA Plan from DLO(Tai Po)



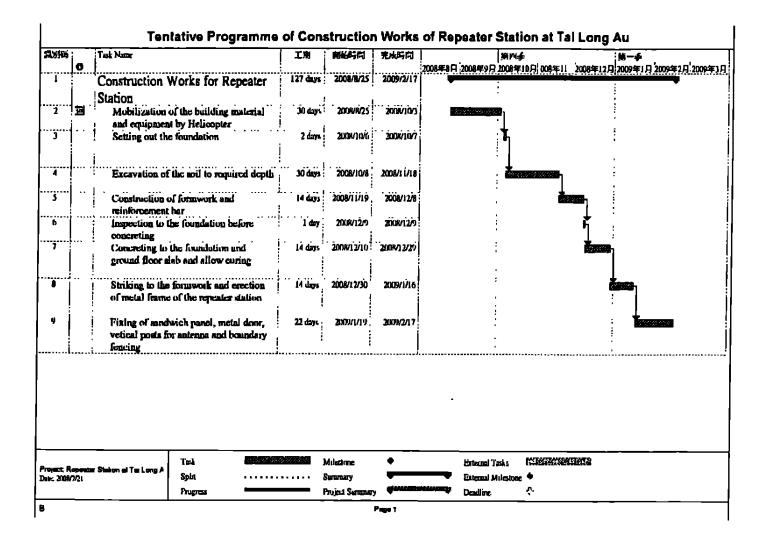
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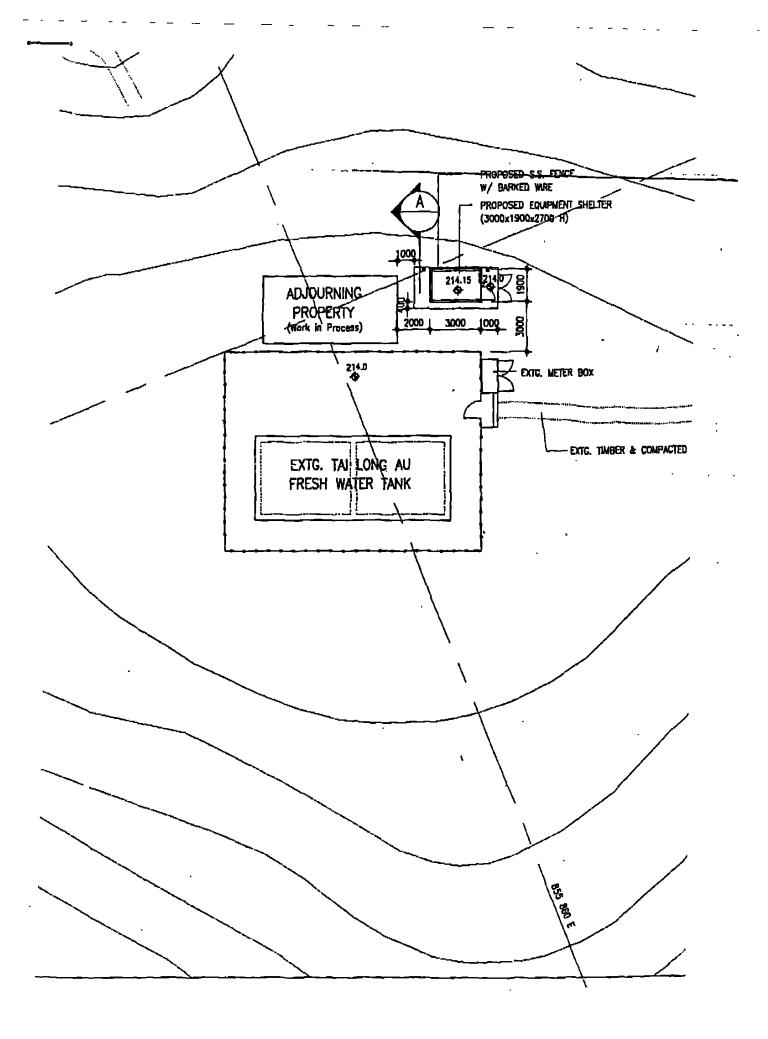
Appendix IV

Site Layout Plan, Section,

Typical Details and Site Photo



Site Photo with Proposed Equipment Hut and Platform



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