The EIA Report as exhibited under section 7(1) of the Ordinance is approved by the Director of Environmental Protection with the following conditions:

1. The use of pneumatic breakers, if required for demolishing the existing Island Eastern Corridor, shall be confined to the period of 0900 to 1700 hours on weekdays (Monday to Friday), and shall not be used any time on Saturdays, Sundays and general holidays, and during the school examination hours of the schools near the works site.

2. The Applicant shall put in place a real-time on-site monitoring system of the noise level around the works sites at North Point and Tin Hau during the construction phase of the Project.

3. The Applicant shall set up a Community Liaison Group comprising representatives of concerned and affected parties, including owners’ corporations, management offices, local committees and schools in the North Point and Tin Hau areas, to facilitate communications, enquiries and complaints handling.

4. The water quality monitoring and audit programme shall be enhanced to include monitoring of possible deterioration to avoid aggravation of odour nuisance from seawater arising from temporary reclamation in the ex-Public Cargo Working Area and the Causeway Bay Typhoon Shelter, and mitigation measures, if necessary, shall be proposed to improve the problems.

5. The Applicant shall put in place additional mitigating measures, such as noise screening structures with aesthetic design, to reduce the noise and visual impacts of the Slip Road 8 on users of the Victoria Park during the operation phase of the Project.

6. The Applicant shall not implement the proposed temporary typhoon shelter (known as “DP4” in the EIA report) to the north of the existing Causeway Bay Typhoon Shelter.

7. The set of further information submitted by the Applicant on 11 March 2008, 9 April 2008 and 14 November 2008 under section 8(1) of the Ordinance shall form part of the approved EIA report, and shall be placed on the Ordinance Register and the Ordinance website (http://www.epd.gov.hk/eia/).

Environmental Protection Department
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