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

(a) The project proponent shall submit to the Director of Environmental Protection (DEP) for approval, before commencement of the construction of the project, an updated plan on the construction noise mitigation measures and other initiatives proposed by the project proponent such as Indirect Technical Remedies, if applicable, for the noise sensitive receiver locations with exceedance in air-borne construction noise impact as predicted in the EIA report, having regard to the powered mechanical equipment, construction schedule and the latest planned construction methods;

(b) The project proponent shall carry out continuous noise monitoring during construction at locations to be agreed with DEP, make available the monitoring results to the public through the project proponent’s website for the entire construction period, and take active remedial measures in the event that the measured noise levels exceed the worst-case scenario predicted in the EIA report or the levels as revised by the construction noise mitigation measures plan;

(c) The project proponent shall set up community liaison groups comprising representatives of concerned and affected parties, including local committees, residents and schools in the affected areas along the railway alignment, to facilitate communications, enquiries and complaint handlings on environmental issues related to the project. A designated complaint hotline shall also be set up for the project to address such concerns and complaints in an efficient manner. The project proponent shall follow up with the community liaison groups on the implementation of mitigation measures and other initiatives proposed by the project proponent such as arrangement of continuous construction noise monitoring as well as tree management and transplantation plan, etc.;

(d) The project proponent shall submit a quality tree planting and landscape plan as well as a post-planting care plan, in consultation with the relevant authorities, including, but not limited to, the Lands Department and the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, to DEP for approval. The plan shall set out details of the measures for protecting trees affected by the project as well as trees to be transplanted. The project proponent shall appoint a certified arborist for the project to advise on, monitor and ensure proper implementation of these measures;

(e) The project proponent shall submit an updated construction and demolition (C&D) material management plan to DEP for approval before commencement of the construction works. The plan shall include, but not limited to, measures for maximizing the re-use of C&D materials in other infrastructure projects and prohibiting illegal dumping of C&D materials generated by the project;

(f) The project proponent shall submit an updated sediment management plan to DEP for approval before commencement of the construction works. The plan shall include, but not limited to, the proper treatment and handling of sediments so generated by the project before disposal; and

(g) The project proponent shall ensure that all diesel fueled construction plant, including marine vessels if possible, used by the contractors within the work sites are powered by ultra low sulphur diesel fuel.

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