Dear Sir,

Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (EIAO), Cap.499
Application for Approval of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report

Project Title: Drainage Improvement Works at Ngong Ping
(Application No. EIA – 206/2012)

I refer to your application on 14 December 2012 for approval of the above EIA report under section 6(2) of the EIA Ordinance and our previous letter on 29 January 2013 advising you on the suitability of the EIA report for public inspection.

Having considered the public comments received during the public inspection period, I am pleased to advise you under Section 8(3) of the Ordinance that the above EIA report as exhibited under Section 7(1) is approved with the attached conditions.

Amongst the public comments we sent to you on 11 April 2013, we note that your department, at an early consultation meeting, have made a commitment to further consult the green groups at the detailed design stage of the project. We advise you should reassure your commitment and to clarify this issue to better reflect the views of the green groups made at the consultation meeting to avoid ambiguity.

Under Section 15 of the Ordinance, the approved EIA report (Register No.: AEIAR-169/2013) will be placed on the EIA Ordinance’s Register. The approved EIA report, the conditions of approval, your submissions to satisfy the conditions of approval and your clarifications mentioned in the preceding paragraph (if any), will also be placed on the EIA Ordinance’s Website (www.info.gov.hk/epd/eia).
Shall you have any queries on the above application, please contact our Ms Clara U at 2835 2164.

Yours sincerely,

(Louis P.L. CHAN)
Acting Principal Environmental Protection Officer
(Regional Assessment)
for Director of Environmental Protection

c.c. w/encl. (by email) Secretary to EIA Subcommittee of the ACE
Project Title: Drainage Improvement works at Ngong Ping

Reference of the Approved EIA Report in the Register: AEIAR-169/2013

Conditions of Approval under Section 8(3) of the EIA Ordinance (the Ordinance)

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 Project Proponent shall amend the Habitat Maps of the EIA report to include the seasonal streams which were identified and assessed in the EIA report.

2. The Project Proponent shall amend the Tree Assessment Schedule of the EIA Report to include data on the diameters of trees being surveyed.

3. The Project Proponent shall amend the Preferred Construction Programme of the EIA report to include the works to be carried out in the rainy and non-rainy period with a view to minimizing the works to be carried out in the rainy period as much as possible.

4. The Project Proponent shall amend Section 5.8.3.3 of the EIA report to include the detailed findings of ground investigation works which was carried out for the project.

5. The Project Proponent shall amend Section 6.9.1.7 of the EIA report to include locations and extent of the proposed haulage roads for the project and to confirm that no haulage road for the project during construction would require the clearance of sensitive habitats.

6. The amendments described above shall be submitted to the Director on or before 6th May 2013.

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