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Chief Engineer / Project Management

Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Ordinance Cap. 499
Application for Approval of EIA Report

**Project Title: Drainage Improvement Works Near Four Villages in Yuen Long –
Sung Shan New Village, Tai Wo, Lin Fa Tei and Ha Che
(Application No. EIA-268/2020)**

I refer to your above application received on 27 November 2020 for approval of an EIA report under Section 6(2) of the EIA Ordinance and our previous letter of 21 January 2021 advising you to exhibit the EIA report for public inspection in accordance with Section 6(4) of the EIA Ordinance.

Having considered the public comments received during the public inspection period, the comments from the Advisory Council on the Environment (ACE) given to us on 11 May 2021, I now advise you under Section 8(3) of the EIA Ordinance that the above EIA report as exhibited under Section 7(1) of the EIA Ordinance is approved subject to the condition at Annex 1, which shall be imposed, together with other relevant requirements, as conditions in the Environmental Permit for carrying out of the Project. In addition, recommendations from the ACE are contained in Annex 2 for your onward action.

It should be noted that the approval of the EIA report shall not relieve you of the responsibility to comply with other legislation or Government requirements for implementing the Project.

Under Section 15 of the EIA Ordinance, the approved EIA report (Register No. : AEIAR - 229/2021) will be placed on the EIA Ordinance Register. The approved EIA report and the condition of approval will also be placed on the EIA Ordinance website (<http://www.epd.gov.hk/eia/>).

Should you have any queries concerning the above, please contact my colleague Mr. Vincent LAU at 2835 1115.

Yours sincerely,



(Stanley C.F. LAU)

Acting Principal Environmental Protection Officer
for Director of Environmental Protection

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c.c. (w/o encl.)

ACE EIA Subcommittee Secretariat (Attn: Ms. Becky LAM)

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

The Project Proponent shall –

- (1) devise a freshwater crab translocation plan (the Plan) for the affected endemic freshwater crabs, which shall include details of the pre-construction survey at the Project sites and the receptor site(s), translocation methodology, identification of location(s) and suitability of the receptor site(s), appointment of local or overseas ecologist(s) with relevant qualifications and experiences to carry out the translocation, post-translocation monitoring programme as well as a contingency plan in case of failure of the translocation. The Project Proponent shall consult the Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (DAFC) on the Plan prior to submission to the Director of Environmental Protection (DEP) for approval before commencement of construction of the Project;
- (2) devise a Habitat Creation and Management Plan (the HCMP) by qualified ecologist(s), which shall include detailed design on the channel, including but not limited to the use of different bedding/vertical-surfacing materials to create diversified micro-habitats, a monitoring programme as well as a contingency plan, with a view to restoring and maintaining the biodiversity and ecological functions of the watercourses, and to ensure the created habitats could withstand adverse weather conditions. The Project Proponent shall consult the DAFC on the HCMP prior to submission to the DEP for approval before commencement of construction of the Project; and
- (3) devise a Landscape Plan which shall incorporate the design of green channel and wildlife corridor with landscape planting along the channel edges with a view to enhancing habitat connectivity and revitalising the channels with visual and landscape benefits for public enjoyment. The Project Proponent shall consult the relevant government department(s) on the Landscape Plan prior to submission to the DEP for approval before commencement of construction of the Project.

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**Recommendations from the Advisory Council on the Environment
for Carrying Out of the Project**

The Project Proponent is recommended to -

- (1) publish the ecological enhancements and mitigation measures of the Project on the relevant websites and on exhibition boards on-site and/or in the vicinity where possible such as village office with a view to enhancing environmental education;
- (2) monitor the water quality and environmental condition of the Cheung Po Ecologically Important Stream to ensure that they would not be affected by the channel after adverse weather conditions; and
- (3) deploy construction equipment with advanced technology such as electric-powered equipment as far as practicable with a view to minimising potential air and noise impact, preserving and protecting the graded historic buildings in the proximity of the work sites as well as contributing to the achievement of carbon neutrality. The Project Proponent should take precautionary measures to avoid any potential damages to the graded historic buildings during the construction of the Project.

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