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MTR Corporation Limited

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

Project Title: Tung Chung Line Extension
(Application No.: EIA-277/2021)

I refer to your application received on 30 November 2021 for approval of the subject EIA report under Section 6(2) of the EIA Ordinance and our previous letter of 24 January 2022 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 19 May 2022, and the further information submitted to us under Section 8(1) of the EIA Ordinance on 20 June 2022, I now advised 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 conditions 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-235/2022) will be placed on the EIA Ordinance Register. The approved EIA report and the conditions 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 Ms. Marlene HO at 2835 1751.

Yours sincerely,

(Simon M.K. HO)

Acting Principal Environmental Protection Officer for Director of Environmental Protection

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Secretary of ACE EIA Subcommittee (Attn: Ms. Sally Shek)

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

- (1) The Project Proponent shall devise a detailed Compensatory Tree Planting Implementation Plan (the Plan) with engagement of terrestrial ecologist(s), which shall include details of the planting objectives, planting numbers and locations, and list of native tree species to be used, with the aim to enhance urban biodiversity and compatibility with the surrounding natural environment. The Project Proponent shall consult the relevant authority and seek advice from Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) on the Plan prior to submission to the Director of Environmental Protection (DEP) for approval before commencement of the compensatory tree planting;
- (2) The Project Proponent shall submit a detailed plan on the proposed noise enclosure at Tung Chung Crescent (the Plan), including but not limited to the details of its design, extent, access point locations and construction vehicle traffic management as well as the program of erection and demolition of the enclosure and site reinstatement, and the arrangement for temporary storage of construction and demolition waste. The Plan shall demonstrate the effectiveness of the enclosure in mitigating the noise, air and any other potential environmental nuisances, as well as health and safety hazards during the construction phase. The Plan shall be submitted to the DEP for approval before commencement of the construction works at Tung Chung Crescent;
- (3) The Project Proponent shall develop a contingency and response plan (the Plan) for handling any accidental spillage of slurry arising from the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) works. The Plan shall be submitted to the DEP for approval before commencement of relevant part of the construction works;
- (4) The Project Proponent shall devise a detailed wastewater management plan (the Plan) for the construction works at Tung Chung West, which shall include locations of the discharge points and the treatment arrangements of wastewater including site runoff, with a view to minimising impacts upon the nearby mudflats and other water sensitive areas in the vicinity. The Project Proponent shall seek advice from AFCD on the Plan prior to submission to the DEP for approval before commencement of the construction works in Tung Chung West; and

(5) The Project Proponent shall set up a community liaison group, for maintaining regular communication with the local and relevant stakeholders on issues concerning noise, air, traffic, waste management, landscape and recreational spaces etc. arising from the Project, and handling complaints on environmental issues related to the Project. The Project Proponent shall take a proactive approach to disseminate information to the group, promote community cooperation and participation and implement suitable local environmental enhancement works. All relevant information of the Project including the progress of construction and operation and environmental monitoring and audit results shall be provided to the group.

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

- (1) The Project Proponent is recommended to explore ways to enhance environmental quality, such as achieving environmental sustainability, reducing construction time and bringing about positive social impact, through the Project as far as practicable; and
- (2) The Project Proponent is recommended to adopt effective measures to minimise operational and embodied carbon emissions arising from the Project, including construction and operational phases, with the aim to achieve carbon neutrality and sustainability and achieve relevant international certifications as far as practicable.

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