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Drainage Services Department

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

**Project Title: Yuen Long South Effluent Polishing Plant  
(Application No. EIA-278/2022)**

I refer to your application received on 31 January 2022 for approval of the above EIA report under Section 6(2) of the EIA Ordinance and our previous letter of 25 March 2022 advising you to exhibit the EIA report for public inspection in accordance with Section 6(4) of the EIA Ordinance.

Having considered the comments from the Advisory Council on the Environment (ACE) given to us on 27 June 2022 and the public comments received during the public inspection period, 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 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 from 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-237/2022) 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 (<https://www.epd.gov.hk/eia/>).

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

Yours sincerely,



(Stanley C.F. LAU)  
Principal Environmental Protection Officer  
for Director of Environmental Protection

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ACE EIA Subcommittee Secretariat (Attn. : Ms. Sally SHEK)

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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) liaise with the relevant parties to tie in the construction programme of the Yuen Long South Effluent Polishing Plant (YLSEPP) with the neighbouring Water Reclamation Facility, with a view to commencing the two facilities at the same time such that the treated effluent of YLSEPP could be utilised for further treatment as reclaimed water for other usage as far as possible;
- (2) explore ways to enhance the generation of renewable energy in the Project, such as through enhancing the efficiency of co-digestion and photovoltaic panels, with a view to reducing the carbon emissions and achieving carbon neutrality in the construction and operational phases as far as practicable;
- (3) devise a monitoring and contingency plan for greenhouse gases, in consultation with the DEP, with a view to ensuring safety in the operation of the facility through monitoring, preventing and timely handling of any potential leakage of greenhouse gases such as methane in the Project; and
- (4) devise a comprehensive Waste Management Plan which shall include the installation of automatic system for real-time tracking and monitoring of the dump trucks, in consultation with the DEP, with a view to minimising the generation as well as preventing illegal dumping of solid waste, including but not limited to inert construction and demolition materials, chemical waste and other types of waste, arising from the Project as far as possible.

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

The project proponent shall –

- (1) devise a detailed Compensatory Tree Planting Implementation Plan (the Plan) with engagement of terrestrial ecologist(s) and arborist(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 as well as landscape 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; and
- (2) develop a contingency and response plan (the Plan) for handling potential overflow of effluent under adverse weather conditions and emergency discharges due to other incidents. The Plan shall be submitted to the DEP for approval before commencement of the construction works.

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