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Abstract

The Hong Kong Institute of Archaeology was commissioned by New Territories North and West Development Office of Civil Engineering and Development Department to conduct an Archaeological Field Survey in February and March 2012 under Contract No. FL/2011/01 for Planning and Engineering Study on Development of Lok Ma Chau Loop. The 2012 archaeological field survey in Lok Ma Chau Loop and surrounding areas has surface scanned areas of over 135 ha., drilled 66 auger holes and excavated 21 test pits in the Study Area along Border Road, at Ma Tso Lung, along Ma Tso Lung Road and along Ho Sheung Heung Road. As a result of the survey, the archaeological fieldwork has not identified any sign of archaeological potential in the surveyed areas.

摘要

受土木工程拓展署新界西及北拓展處委託,中港考古研究室於2012年2月及3 月為落馬洲河套地區發展規劃及工程研究作考古田野調查,工程合同編號FL/2011/01。 此次2012年考古調查在落馬洲河套及週邊地區展開,包括邊境道路沿線、馬草壟地區、 馬草壟路沿線及河上鄉路沿線。考古田野調查尋察地面面積超過135公頃,鑽探了66 個探孔並發掘了21個探方。此次調查在調查區域未發現任何考古遺存的蹟象。

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INTRODUCTION

1.1 General Information

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- 1.1.1 The Hong Kong Institute of Archaeology (HKIA) was commissioned by New Territories North and West Development Office of Civil Engineering and Development Department to conduct an Archaeological Field Survey (the Survey) under Contract No. FL/2011/01 for Planning and Engineering Study on Development of Lok Ma Chau (LMC) Loop (the Study). This report presents the result of the field survey on archaeological potential in the Study Area.
- 1.1.2 Prior to the commencement of the Survey, Ove Arup & Partners Hong Ltd (Arup) had prepared a Tender Document, which specified the objective, scope and tentative locations of field works of the archaeological survey (the Tender). The archaeological fieldwork proposal specified in the Tender was submitted to and obtained approval from the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO).
- 1.1.3 Following the Tender, the HKIA applied for a Licence of Excavation and Search for Antiquities before carrying out the Survey. The Licence was issued by the AMO on 21 February 2012 (Licence No. 331) and the field work was carried out during February and March 2012.

1.2 Objective and Scope of the Survey

- 1.2.1 The objective of the Survey is to identify the archaeological potential through field investigation within the Study Area which has previously not been adequately surveyed. The result of the field survey will provide supplementary information on the archaeological potential for the assessment of archaeological impact by Arup in the Environmental Impact Assessment study for the Development of Lok Ma Chau Loop.
- 1.2.2 According to the Tender, moderate archaeological potential of the survey area has been identified by a previous Heritage Baseline Desktop Study. Based on the identification, the scope of the Survey comprises Area A, Area B and a 300m assessment buffer. In addition, areas beyond the 300m buffer where infrastructure options are proposed are also included in the extent of the Survey. The proposed infrastructure options involve the eastern road alignment, western road alignment, watermain alignment and slip road alignment (Drawing 1).
- 1.2.3 The archaeological works required to be conducted in the Survey are composed of three steps: (1) surface scanning of areas which are approximately 135 ha and blue-color marked in Drawing 1; (2) drilling of 65 auger holes and (3) excavating of 22 test pits each measuring 1m x 1m in size. Due to site conditions, however, a total number of 66 auger tests and 21 test pit excavations have been undertaken in the field survey.
- 1.2.4 Of different portions of the Study Area, Area A and Area B are basically to be surveyed only with surface scanning; the area to the east of Lok Ma Chau Loop for proposed infrastructure options is to be surveyed with auger testing and test pit excavation. The area with auger testing and test pit excavation is divided into 16 sub-areas indicated by 16 figures coded from Figure 2.4 to Figure 2.19 shown in Drawing 2. The conducted archaeological works in each sub-area are marked in a separate drawing on 1:1000 scale and the 16 sub-areas are presented respectively in Drawing 3 to Drawing 18.

2 GEOGRAPHY AND GEOLOGY

2.1 Geographic Setting

- 2.1.1 The Study Area of the archaeological field survey for the Development of Lok Ma Chau Loop is located in the central northern border area of Hong Kong. The Lok Ma Chau Loop and its surrounding areas cover a series of local villages or locations including, counting from west to east and from north to south, Ha Wan Tsuen, Pan Uk Tsuen, Pak Shek Au, Ping Hang, Ma Tso Lung, Ma Tso Lung San Tsuen, Fung Kong Shan and Tsung Yuen (Drawing 1).
- 2.1.2 The topography of the majority of the Study Area is featured by lower hill slopes or hillocks covered with dense vegetation. In the Ma Tso Lung area, however, there are also relatively flat fields or low terraces covered with grass and bushes. The elevation of the Study Area varies from as low as +4 mPD in the Ma Tso Lung area to the highest point of around +80 mPD on the hills at Tsung Yuen.

2.2 Geology

- 2.2.1 The solid geology of the Study Area mainly consists of three types of bedrock formed during the Palaeozoic: the metacoglomerate rock of the San Tin Group, the metasandstone with metacoglomerate and phyllite of Lok Ma Chau Formation and the metasandstone with phyllite and graphite schist.
- 2.2.2 Covering of bedrocks are alluvial and colluvial materials of coarse sand, sandy soil, loam, silt and gravel, which are dated to late Pleistocene and early Holocene. These material formed terraces, flood plains and valleys. In the lower Lok Ma Chau Loop and its vicinity, the surface is covered with dark marine mud formed during the Holocene period (Hong Kong Geological Survey, San Tin, Sheet 2, Solid and Superficial Geology, Series HGM20, Edition 1-1989, Geotechnical Control Office, Civil Engineering Services Department, Hong Kong).

3 METHODOLOGY

3.1 Allocation of Archaeological Works

- 3.1.1 The locations of the auger holes and test pits had been tentatively predetermined before the commencement of the field survey. The allocation of the proposed archaeological works was based on a consideration of several factors, involving previously identified archaeological potential, potential soil excavation work during the construction stage, the accessibility of sites and land ownership.
- 3.1.2 As mentioned above, moderate archaeological potential had been identified by a previous Heritage Baseline Desktop Study for the LMC Development on hill slopes or hillocks at some locations, e.g. Fung Kong Shan, Ma Tso Lung, Ping Hang and Pan Uk Tsuen. Consequently, a series of "work sites" on government land for auger holes and test pits were plotted primarily along the foot of hill slopes and hillocks within an "impact corridor" close to the alignment of the proposed infrastructure options.
- 3.1.3 In practice, the archaeological works of the Survey were generally conducted falling within the work sites on government land as a principle, unless it was absolutely impossible to execute the digging work within the boundary of the site. In some occasions, the position of a test pit was switched to another work site originally designated for an auger hole due to the surface condition of the site.

3.2 Methodology of Fieldwork

- 3.2.1 Three fieldwork methods were applied during the Survey, comprising surface scan, auger testing and test pit excavation.
- 3.2.2 The surface scan was required to cover areas totaling approximately 135 ha. in the Study Area.
- 3.2.3 The total number of conducted auger tests is 66 and that of test pits is 21, each measuring 1m x 1m in size. The detailed results from the digging of the auger holes and test pits are recorded together in Table 1, including the area where the archaeological work is located, the position coordinates of the archaeological work, and the surface elevation and total digging depth of each work. In addition, Table 1 lists the soil characteristics and retrieved archaeological remains, if any, of each stratum revealed by the digging, and supplementary remarks on the setting and the nature of the deposits of each auger hole and test pit as well.
- 3.2.4 The work sites on government land for archaeological works had been coded in the Tender. For the sake of a clear presentation, these work sites are organized into four geographic areas in this report in terms of Border Road, Ma Tso Lung, Ma Tso Lung Road and Ho Sheung Heung Road. Each area covers 3 to 5 sub-areas, each of which is shown in a separate drawing.
- 3.2.5 The section profiles of the excavated test pits are illustrated in Drawing 19 to Drawing 25 respectively. The corresponding photographs of pit sections are displayed in Plate 1 to Plate 11.
- 3.2.6 During the fieldwork, the "context" system was used as the minimum unit of archaeological stratigraphy to record any recognizable deposit layers or archaeological features for both test pit excavation and auger testing.

4 RESULTS OF THE SURVEY

4.1 Result of Surface Scan

- 4.1.1 The effect of the surface scan is extremely restricted due to surface conditions. Of the required surface-scan areas, several locations are occupied by permanent structures, e.g. Lok Ma Chau Base of Hong Kong Police, Ma Tso Lung Village and Ma Tso Lung San Tsuen; at these occupied locations, the surface is mostly covered with cement or other permanent facilities (Drawing 1).
- 4.1.2 The Lok Ma Chau Loop, i.e. Area A of the Survey, is an isolated small island surrounded by the Shenzhen River in its north and an artificially made semi-circular water course in its south with both ends connecting to the Shenzhen River. Geologically, the bottom of the loop is formed of Holocene marine mud; the top soil of the loop comes from the digging of the water course and currently covered with dense vegetation of trees and bushes.
- 4.1.3 The other areas, except the relatively flat land at Ma Tso Lung south, are all hill slopes and hillocks; in these areas, the visibility of scanning is usually blocked by dense vegetation on the surface. The only area with exposed natural surface is the high hill slopes in the Tsung Yuen area (Drawing 17 and Drawing 18), but there are nothing but coarse silt and gravel on the surface.
- 4.1.4 In result, the surface scan in the Study Area has not identified any sign of archaeological potential.

4.2 Survey along Border Road

- 4.2.1 The area along Border Road comprises three sub-areas named Border Road-1 to Border Road-3. In this area, totally 12 auger holes were drilled, consisting of 5a, 5b, 5d, 5e, 6a, 6b, 6d, 7a and 7d to 7g; three test pits were excavated, consisting of 5c, 5f and 6c. The locations of the archaeological works in this area are marked in Drawings 3 to 5; the strata revealed from the test pits are displayed in Drawing 19 and Plates 1 to 2:1.
- 4.2.2 The archaeological works along the northern side of Border Road are all distributed at the edge of hill slope. The auger tests in this area all quickly reached the regolith deposit of yellowish red clay mixed with gravel. On the relatively flat terraces, where the test pits were allocated, a modern layer was found between the surface layer and the regolith deposit (TP5c did not reach the regolith deposit due to the hardness of stone slabs of modern fill). Farther to the north of the road are the low flat fields of mud with high level of water table.
- 4.2.3 In result, the archaeological survey along Border Road has not identified any sign of archaeological potential.

4.3 Survey at Ma Tso Lung

- 4.3.1 The area at Ma Tso Lung comprises four sub-areas named Ma Tso Lung-1 to Ma Tso Lung-4. In this area, totally 20 auger holes were drilled, consisting of 8c, 8e to 8j, 9a, 9c to 9e, 10b, 10f to 10g, 11a to 11d, 11f and 11g; six test pits were excavated, consisting of 8a, 8b, 9b, 10a 10e and 11e. The locations of the archaeological works in this area are marked in Drawings 6 to 9; the strata revealed from the test pits are displayed in Drawings 20 to 21 and Plates 2:2 to 5:1.
- 4.3.2 Archaeological works in sub-areas Ma Tso Lung-1 to Ma Tso Lung-3 are allocated on the lower part of the hill slopes or the low terraces at hill foot; archaeological works in sub-area Mao Tso Lung-4 are located on flat fields or terraces of river valley. At some locations nearby ditch or water course, e.g. auger holes 10f and 10g, the tests reached water soaked sludge or sandy deposit; the other testing works all reached regolith deposit of weathered clay soon after digging through the surface layer.
- 4.3.3 In result, the archaeological survey in the Ma Tso Lung area has not identified any sign of archaeological potential.

4.4 Survey along Ma Tso Lung Road

- 4.4.1 The area along Ma Tso Lung Road comprises five sub-areas named Ma Tso Lung Road-1 to Ma Tso Lung Road-5. In this area, totally 20 auger holes were drilled, consisting of 14b, 14d, 14e, 14g to 14i, 14k, 15b to 15e, 16a, 16d, 16f, 17a, 17b, 17e, 17f, 18d and 18f; nine pits were excavated, consisting of 14c, 14f, 14j, 15a, 16e, 16g, 17d, 18b and 18e. The locations of the archaeological works in this area are marked in Drawings 10 to 14; the strata revealed from the test pits are displayed in Drawings 22 to 24 and Plates 5:2 to 9.
- 4.4.2 The archaeological works in this area are scattered along hill foot and on relatively flat terraces. The results of the field investigation in this area are composed of two kinds, depending on their locations: the archaeological works allocated close to current existing roads and other constructed structures usually encountered hard modern fill layer(s) formed with concrete, mortar or gravel material; the archaeological works distributed on slopes or terraces that are away from roads or other facilities usually reached regolith deposit of weathered clay.
- 4.4.3 In result, the archaeological survey along Ma Tso Lung Road has not identified any sign of archaeological potential.

4.5 Survey along Ho Sheung Heung Road

- 4.5.1 The area along Ho Sheung Heung Road comprises four sub-areas named Ho Sheung Heung-1 to Ho Sheung Heung-4. In this area, totally 14 auger holes were drilled, consisting of 20b, 21a, 21b, 21e, 21f, 21i, 22a, 22c, 22d, 22f, 23a, 23c, 23e and 23f; three pits were excavated, consisting of 21d, 22e and 23d. The locations of the archaeological works in this area are marked in Drawings 15 to 18; the strata revealed from the test pits are displayed in Drawing 25 and Plates 10 to 11.
- 4.5.2 The archaeological works in sub-areas Ho Sheung Heung Road-1 and Ho Sheung Heung Road-2 are distributed on the edge of hill slopes along both sides of the road; the archaeological works in the other two sub-areas Ho Sheung Heung Road-3 and Ho Sheung Heung Road-4 are allocated on high-elevation hill slopes. These archaeological works all reached regolith deposit of weathered clay mixed with gravel.
- 4.5.3 The archaeological work 20b in sub-area Ho Sheung Heung Road-1 (Drawing 15) needs to be further explained. There is only one work site on government land in this sub-area and this site was originally assigned with a test pit for the Survey. However, this location is only a narrow strip facing a 3m-deep slope cut and flanked by concrete covered road and a storage place, therefore it is impossible to plot a test pit on this work site. Consequently, an auger hole was executed at this location instead.
- 4.5.4 In result, the archaeological survey along Ho Sheung Heung Road has not identified any sign of archaeological potential.

5 CONCLUSION

5.1.1 The 2012 archaeological field survey in Lok Ma Chau Loop and surrounding areas has surface scanned areas of over 135 ha., drilled 66 auger holes and excavated 21 test pits in the Study Area along Border Road, at Ma Tso Lung, along Ma Tso Lung Road and along Ho Sheung Heung Road. As a result of the survey, the archaeological fieldwork has not identified any sign of archaeological potential in the surveyed areas.

Remarks	Roadside slope		Regolith; stopped by rock	Roadside, a proposed TP location but not suitable for a TP	Regolith; stopped by rock	Small terrace at roadside; originally a proposed AH location outside border fence, so TP 5c was relocated to the other side of the road	Modern fill; too hard to dig down; depth including drilled 40cm at the bottom	Roadside		Regolith; stopped by rock	Roadside	Regolith; stopped by rock	Roadside slope	A cable ditch cut down to C3 in western part of the pit	Regolith	Flat terrace at roadside close to police base		Regolith			Regolith
Finds																					
Soil Characteristics	Light black surface soil	Yellowish brown loose clay	Yellowish red clay with gravel	Light black surface soil	Yellowish red silt	Light black surface soil	Grayish yellow clay with stone slabs	Light black surface soil	Yellowish gray clay with gravel	Yellowish red clay with gravel	Light black surface soil	Yellowish red clay with weathered gravel	Light black surface soil	Grayish yellow clay	Yellowish red clay with gravel	Light black surface soil	Gray loose clay	Yellowish clay with rubbles	Light black surface soil	Grayish yellow clay	Yellowish red clay
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Remarks	Grass covered wasted field on flat terrace at roadside		Regolith	Roadside; relocation of the proposed location from outside of the border fence		Regolith	Flat wasted field at roadside; relocation of the proposed location from outside of the border	fence	Water soaked area	On woods covered slope	Regolith	On lower slope	Regolith	Moved to the other side of road as the proposed location too close to pond	Regolith	Roadside; relocation of the proposed location from outside of the border fence	Regolith
Finds																	
Soil Characteristics	Light black surface soil	Multiple mixed layers of modern fill with gravel	Yellowish clay	Light black surface soil	Yellowish brown clay	Yellowish red clay with gravel	Black sludge		Gray sludge soaked in water	Light black surface soil	Grayish white silt with weathered limestone rubbles	Light black surface soil	Yellowish red clay	Light black surface soil	Yellowish red clay	Light black surface soil	Yellowish red clay with gravel
Stratum Thickness (cm)	14 ~ 22	39 ~ 49	> 7	10	30	>30	20		>40	15	>30	25	>25	25	>25	20	>25
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Remarks	On steep slope covered with trees and bushes; originally proposed for an auger test	Regolith	On flat terrace at foot of hill; surface already leveled by drainage construction work nearby; originally proposed for an auger test		Regolith	Hill foot and by now-filled pond; originally a test pit was proposed over the rocky cliff	Regolith	Between drainage and private park		Regolith	On terrace with houses		Regolith; stopped by rock	On terrace edge over road in front of house	Regolith	On cement covered ground; originally proposed for a test pit excavation		Regolith		Regolith	Roadside underneath house wall with planted flowers	Modern fill from road and house construction; stopped by rock
Finds																						
Soil Characteristics	Black surface humus soil	Yellowish weathered clay with gravel and boulders	Black surface humus soil	Yellowish gray clay	Purplish red boulders in yellow clay matrix	Light black surface soil	Yellowish red clay	Light black surface soil	Grayish yellow clay	Yellowish red clay	Light black surface soil	Grayish yellow clay with modern garbage	Yellowish clay with gravel	Light black surface soil	Yellowish red clay	Light black surface soil	Grayish yellow clay	Yellowish red clay	Light black surface soil	Yellowish red clay	Light black surface soil	Grayish yellow clay with gravel
Stratum Thickness (cm)	27 ~ 35	> 21	9 ~ 11	9~16	о Л	10	>15	15	25	>20	10	40	>20	2	>30	10	20	>20	10	>30	10	>30
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Remarks	By roadside and pond	Regolith	On woods covered terrace		Regolith			Regolith	On terrace edge over small path	Regolith	By small path on a terrace lower than that with AH9d	Regolith	Terrace edge at hill foot	Modern fill	Regolith	On terraced slope	Regolith	Garden on flat terrace; originally proposed for an auger test	Regolith	Valley area between terraces; originally proposed for a test pit excavation		Water soaked ditch	Terrace foot; location moved out from the fenced proposed location		Water soaked area
Finds																							2	-	
Soil Characteristics	Black humus soil	Yellowish red clay	Light black surface soil	Yellowish gray clay	Reddish yellow clay	Light black surface soil	Grayish yellow clay	Reddish yellow clay	Black humus soil	Yellowish red clay	Light black surface soil	Yellowish red clay	Light black surface soil	Grayish yellow clay with modern garbage	Yellowish red clay	Light black surface soil	Yellowish red clay	Light black surface soil	Yellowish red clay	Light black surface soil	Gray clay with moisture	Grayish green sludge with fine sand	Light black surface soil	Yellowish gray clay with moisture	Gray sludge soaked in water
Stratum Thickness (cm)	15	>20	8~12	22 ~ 29	> 19	10	25	>20	10	>30	10	>30	9~0	85 ~ >106	> 29	2	>40	13 ~ 18	> 14	20	100	>30	5	>20	
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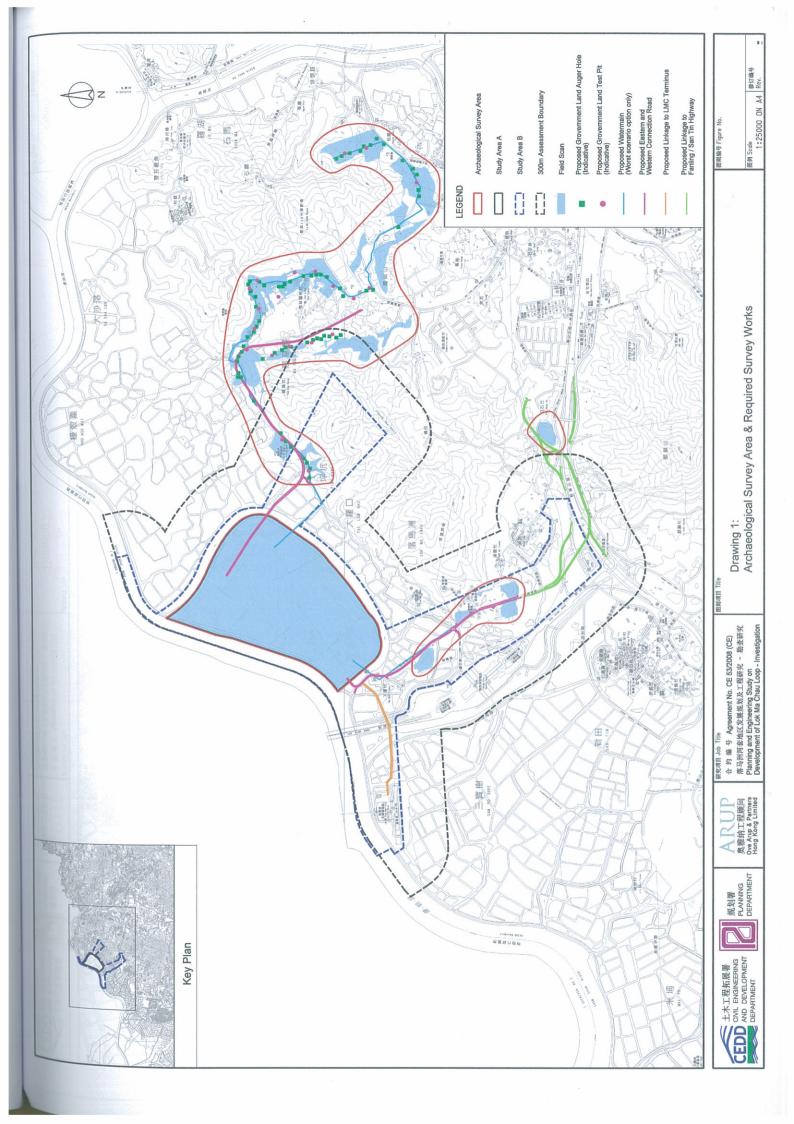
Remarks	Wasted field in flat valley		Regolith	Wasted field in flat valley		Regolith	Wasted field in flat valley		Regolith	Terraced orchard	Regolith	Terraced orchard	Regolith	Terraced orchard		Regolith	Terraced orchard		Regolith	Roadside terrace edge; originally proposed for a test pit excavation			Regolith; stopped by rock	On slope terrace; originally proposed for an auger test	Modern fill with garbage		Regolith	Terrace foot under road	Modern fill	Regolith; stopped by rock
Finds																														
Soil Characteristics	Light black surface soil	Yellowish gray fine clay	Yellowish red clay	Light black surface soil	Yellowish gray fine clay	Yellowish red clay	Light black surface soil	Yellowish gray fine clay	Yellowish red clay	Yellowish gray clay	Yellowish red clay	Light black surface soil	Yellowish red clay	Yellowish gray surface soil	Light brown silt	Yellowish red clay	Light black surface soil	Dark yellow clay	Yellowish red clay	Light black surface soil	Yellowish gray clay	Yellowish brown loose clay	Yellowish red clay with gravel	Light black surface soil	Yellowish gray silt	Grayish yellow clay	Yellowish red clay	Light black surface soil	Yellowish gray silt	Yellowish red clay with graves
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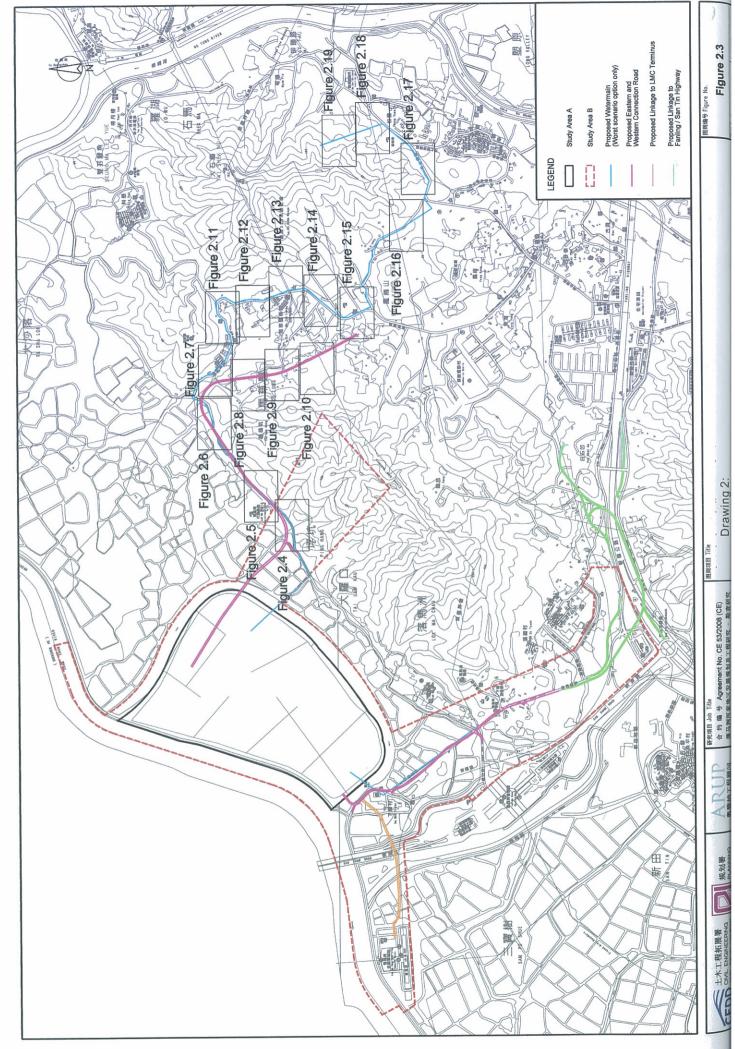
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Remarks	Roadside, further southward block by fence	motion of the property of 113 care to MA		Roadside slope		Regolith	Roadside slope		Regolith; stopped by rock	Roadside	Regolith; stopped by rock			Roadside slope nearby ruined house		Regolith	Roadside flat terrace		Regolith
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Soil Characteristics	Light black surface soil	Yellowish gray silt with graves	Yellowish brown silt with gravel	Light black surface soil	Yellowish gray clay	Yellowish red clay with gravel	Light black surface soil	Gray silt	Yellowish red clay with gravel	Light black surface soil	Yellowish red clay with gravel	Yellowish gray silt	Yellowish red silt	Black surface soil	Grayish yellow silt with gravel	Yellowish red clay with gravel	Yellowish gray clay	Brownish yellow clay	Yellowish red clay
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Remarks	On wasted land		Regolith	In wasted field with dense vegetation		Regolith; stopped by rock	Roadside wasted field			Regolith	At crossroads		Same as 15cC2	Regolith	Roadside with banana trees	Regolith	On terrace edge over ditch, relocation from proposed TP position inside a fenced area		Regolith with gravel	Roadside corner		Regolith		Deposit of old road; too hard to dig down;	originally proposed for an auger test	Roadside flat terrace		Regolith	Roadside area covered with fill; location slightly outside the proposed work site	Dug half pit because of the bar	Fill, auger drilling 20cm, stopped by rock
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Soil Characteristics	Black humus soil	Gray loose fine clay	Yellowish red clay	Black surface soil	Light black loose silt	Yellowish brown fine clay	Light black surface soil	Light brown loose fine silt	Yellowish brown silty clay	Yellowish red clay	Light black surface soil	Gray clay	Light brown loose fine silt	Yellowish red clay	Yellowish gray clay	Yellowish red clay	Light black surface soil	Yellowish brown clay	Yellowish red clay	Grayish brown silt	Yellowish brown silt	Yellowish red clay	Light black surface soil	Grayish brown silt with	cement and gravel	Light black surface soil	Yellowish brown silt	Yellowish red clay with gravel	Light black surface soil	Modern fill with cement bar	Grayish yellow clay
Stratum Thickness (cm)	7 ~ 10	5~10	> 21	20	30	>30	25	35	40	>20	15	20	30	>20	40	>60	20	20	>15	30	10	>20	4~6	> 52		5	20	>35	6~9	63 ~ 66	> 31
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Remarks	Roadside terrace		Regolith with gravel	Roadside terrace			Regolith with gravel	Roadside terrace with fill to west		Modern fill deep down at northwestern corner	Regolith	Roadside terrace		Regolith with gravel	Water course under road nearby a manhole		Deposit with strong moisture	Roadside corner; too hard to dig down	Roadside terrace	Modern fill		Regolith with gravel	Terrace by road and ditch	Water soaked deposit	Regolith	Regolith; drilled depth	Roadside corner surrounded by cement roads and deep ditch; no available place for testing	Modern fill
Finds																										-		
Soil Characteristics	Light black surface soil	Light brown silty clay	Reddish brown clay	Light black surface soil	Grayish brown silt	Yellowish brown silty clay	Yellowish red clay	Light black surface soil	Black clay fill	Yellowish red clay with rubbles	Yellowish red clay	Light black surface soil	Yellowish brown clay	Yellowish red clay	Black humus soil	Grayish white sand	Light brown silty clay	Modern fill of rubbles	Light black surface soil	Red silt	Grayish yellow silty clay	Yellowish red clay	Light black surface soil	Yellowish gray silty clay with rust colored vines	Yellow clay	Yellowish red clay	Light black surface soil	Grayish silt with gravel
Stratum Thickness (cm)	10	40	>40	5	15	20												34 ~ 44	49	40	10	>30						
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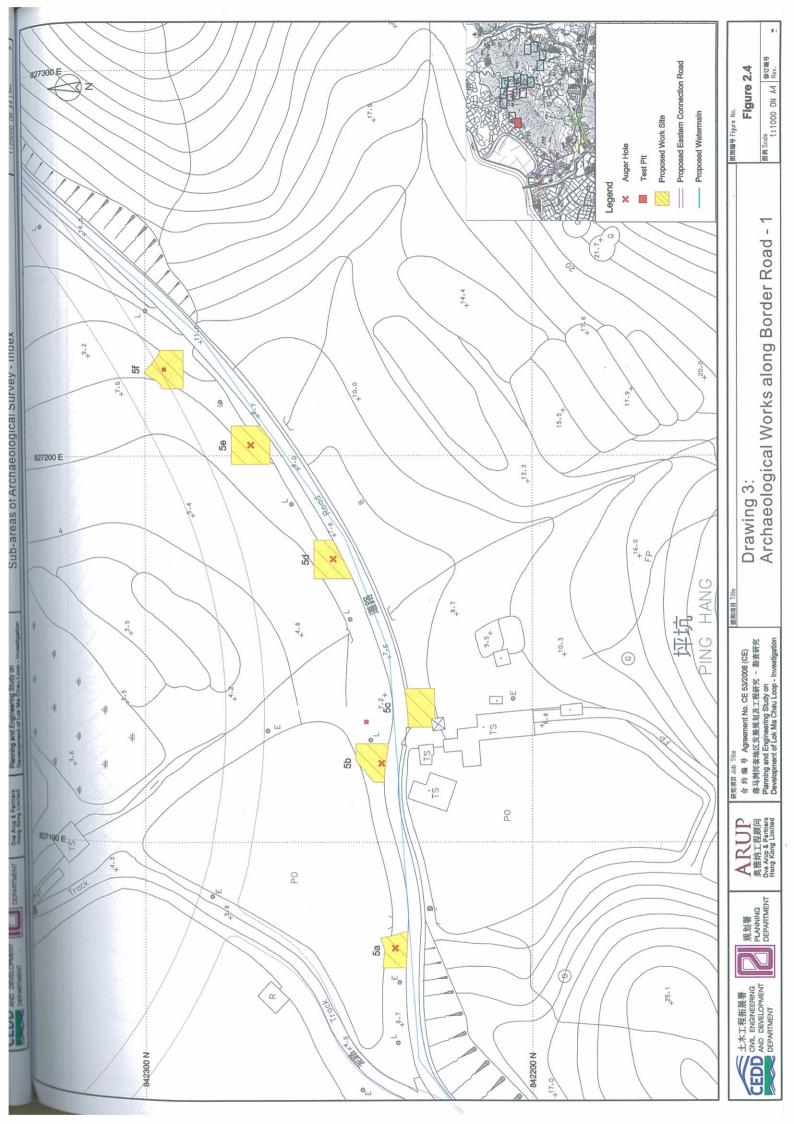
Remarks	Roadside terrace edge and nearby fence; proposed test pit cannot be executed in the vicinity, so an auger test conducted instead		Roadside terrace with trees		Regolith; stopped by rock	Roadside terrace with trees		Regolith	Roadside terrace foot	Modern fill		Regolith; weathered limestone debris	Roadside at edge of fenced terrace		Regolith	Roadside terrace		Regolith	Roadside terrace with trees		Regolith
Finds																					
Soil Characteristics	Light black surface soil	Grayish yellow silt with rocks	Light black surface soil	Yellow silt	Yellowish red clay with gravel	Light black surface soil	Grayish yellow silt	Yellowish red clay with gravel	Light black surface soil	Yellow and black silt	Yellowish brown clay	Yellowish white soft silt	Light black surface soil	Grayish yellow silt	Yellowish red clay with gravel	Gray surface soil	Yellow silt	Yellowish red clay	Gray surface soil	Yellow silt	Yellowish red clay
Stratum Thickness (cm)	10	>30	2	35	>10	2	40	>30	5~9	24 ~ 37	13 ~ 32	> 13	10	40	>20	22	30	>100	10	40	>40
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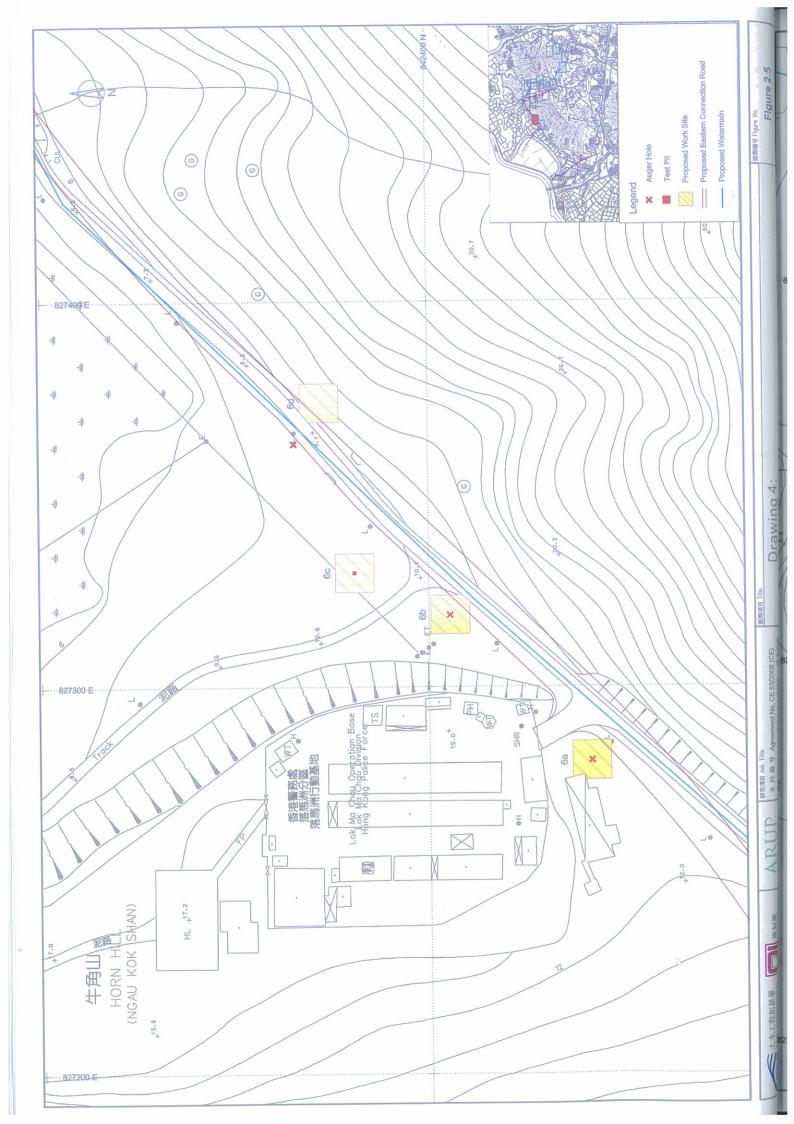


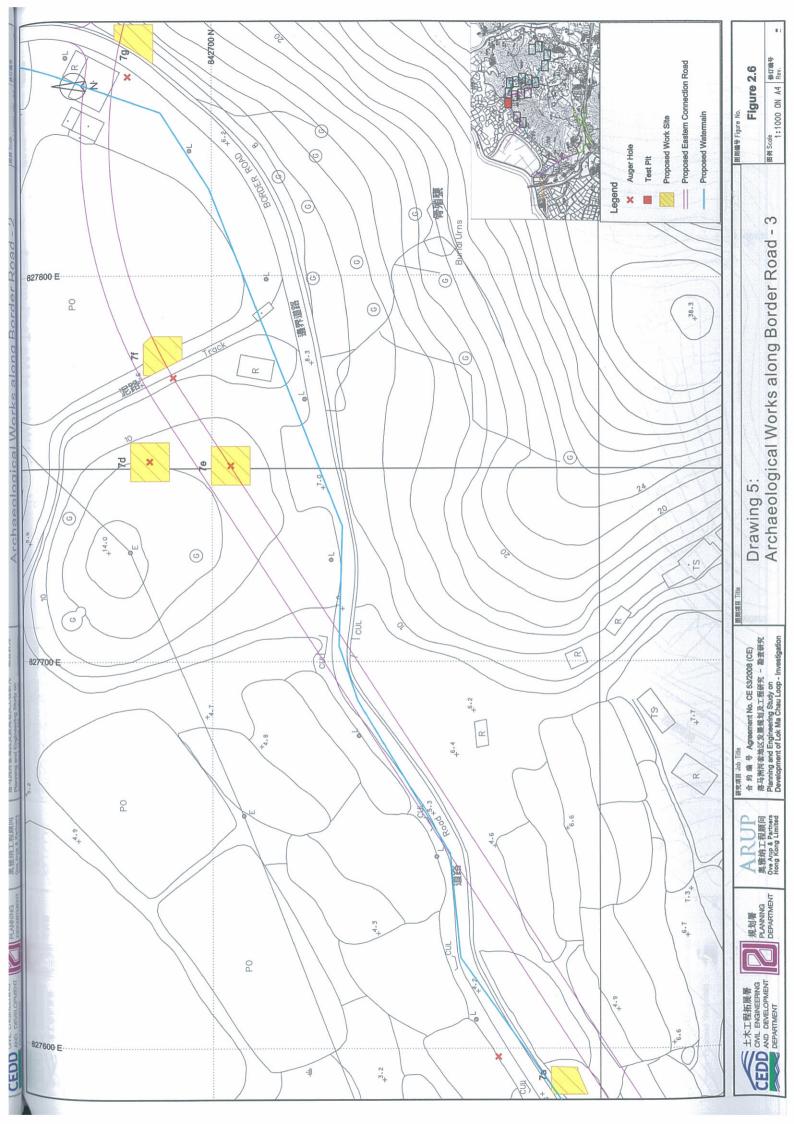


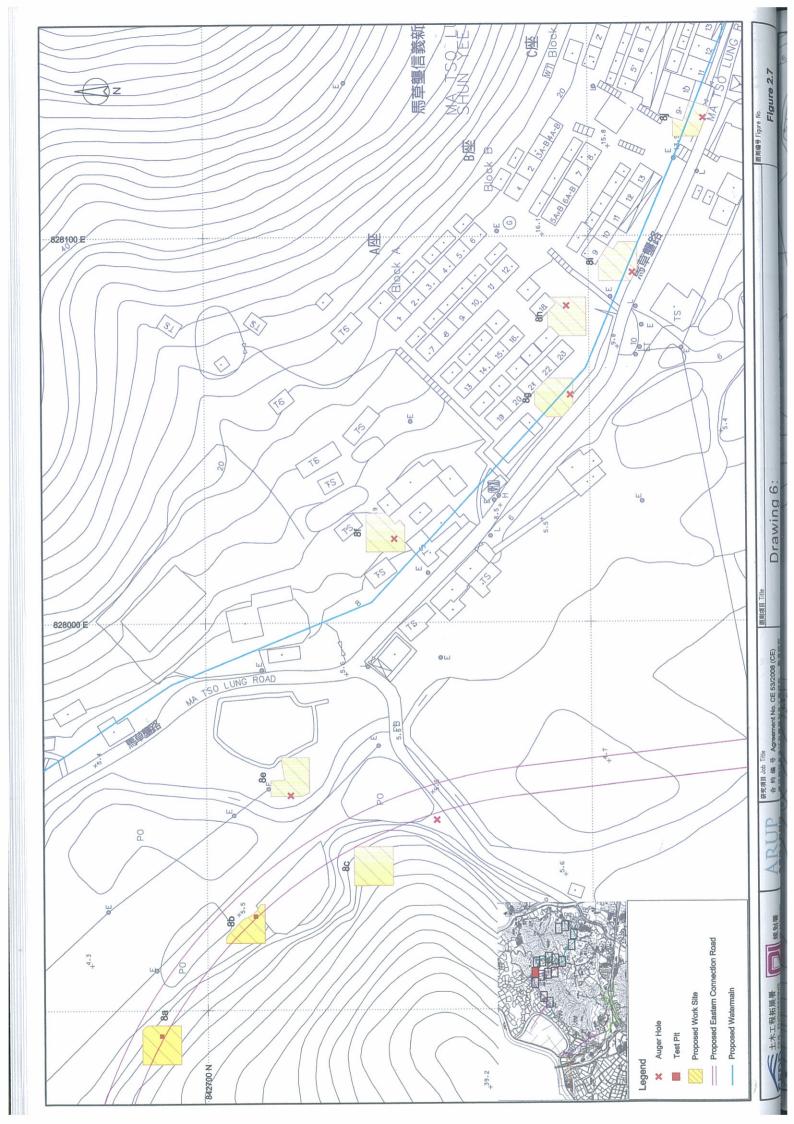
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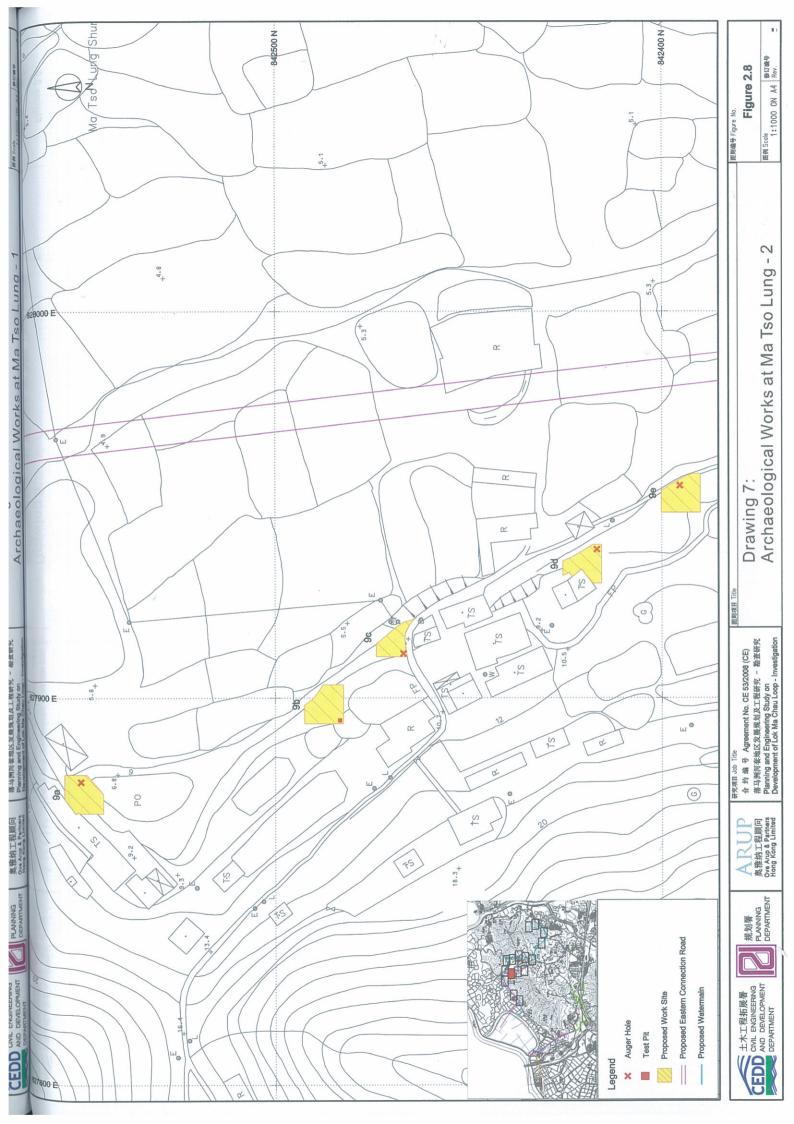
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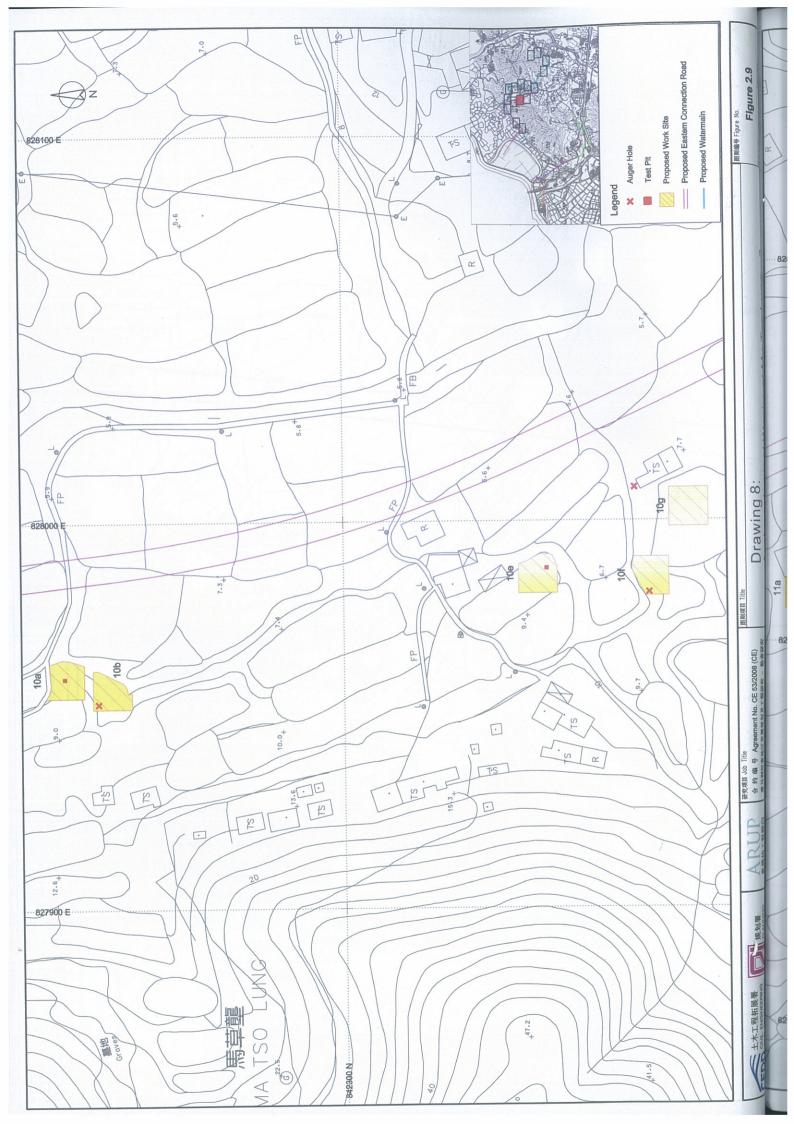


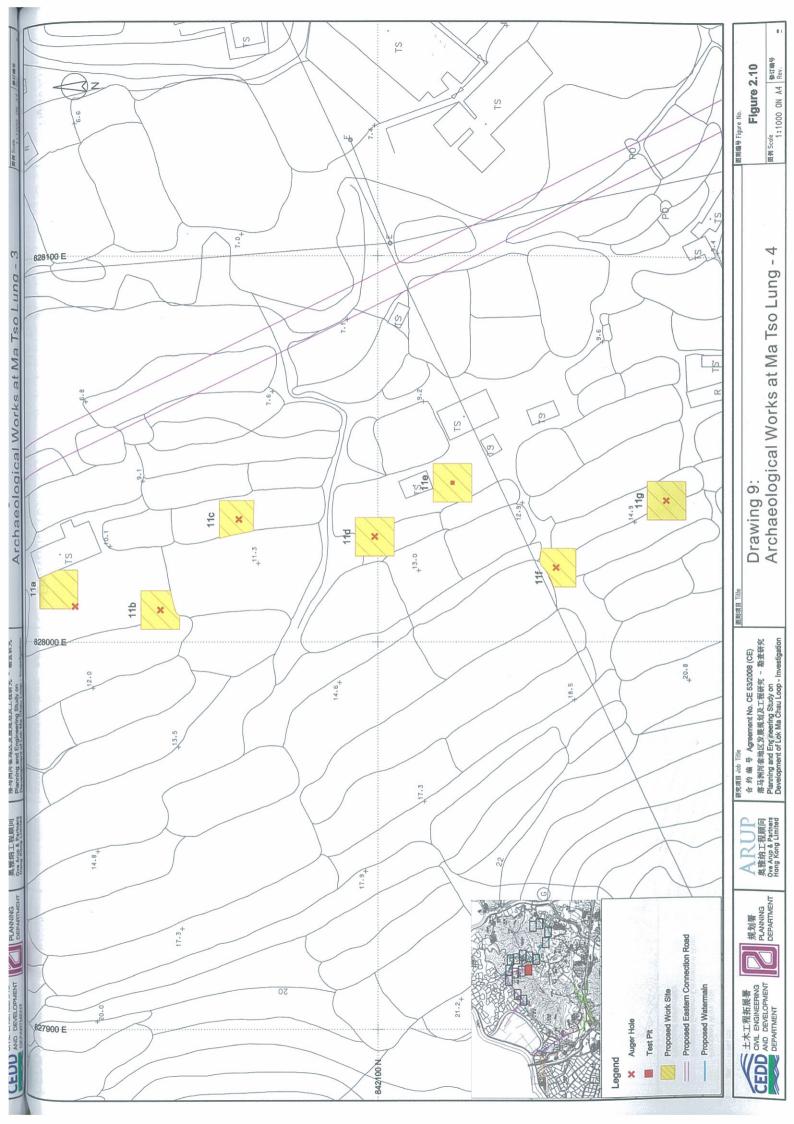


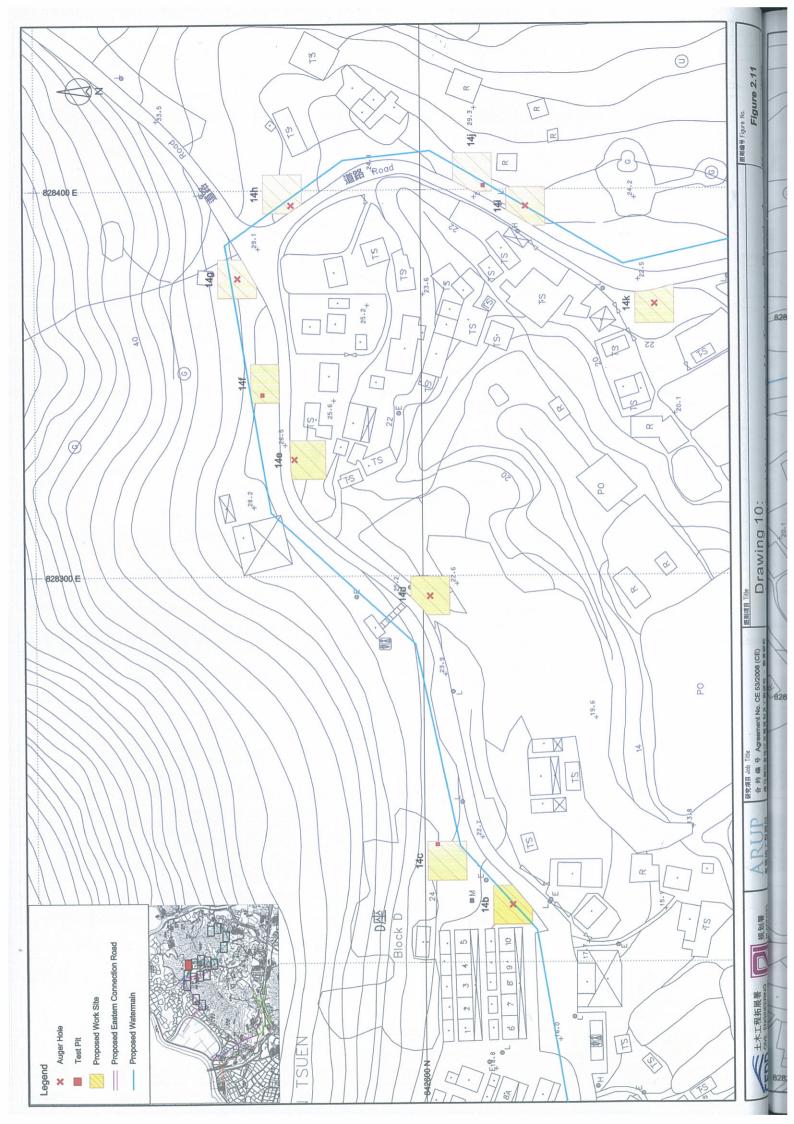


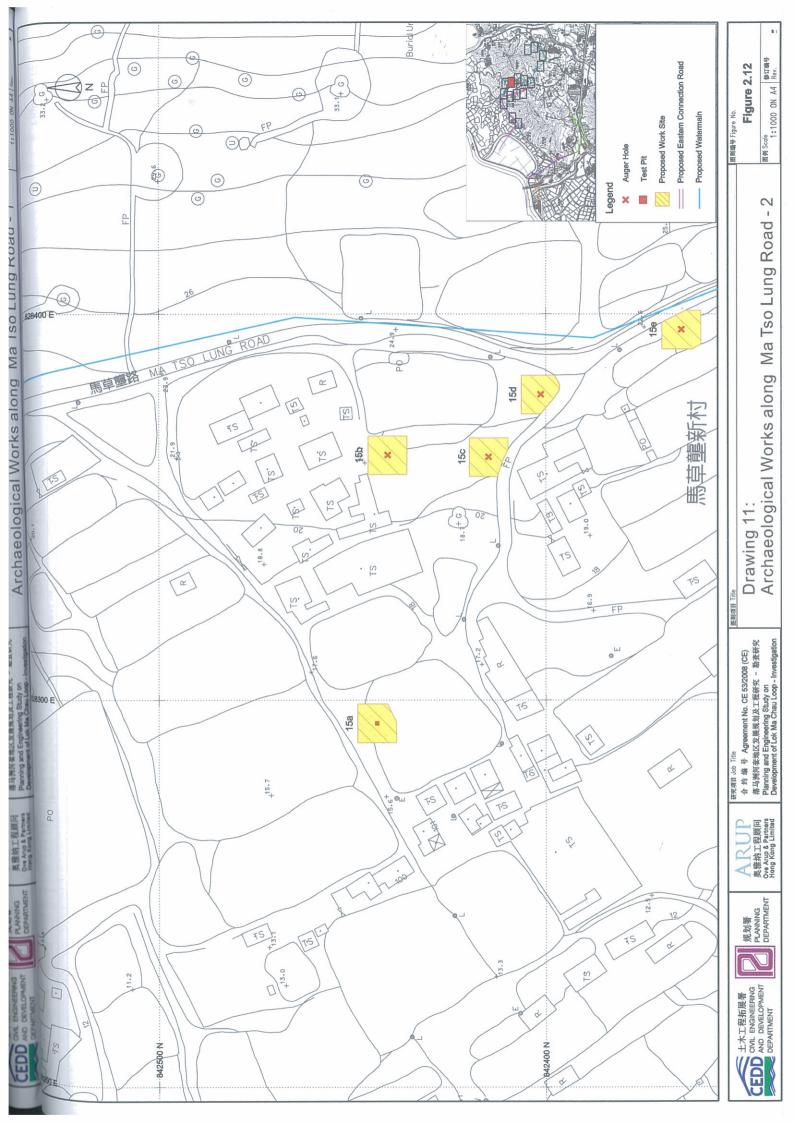


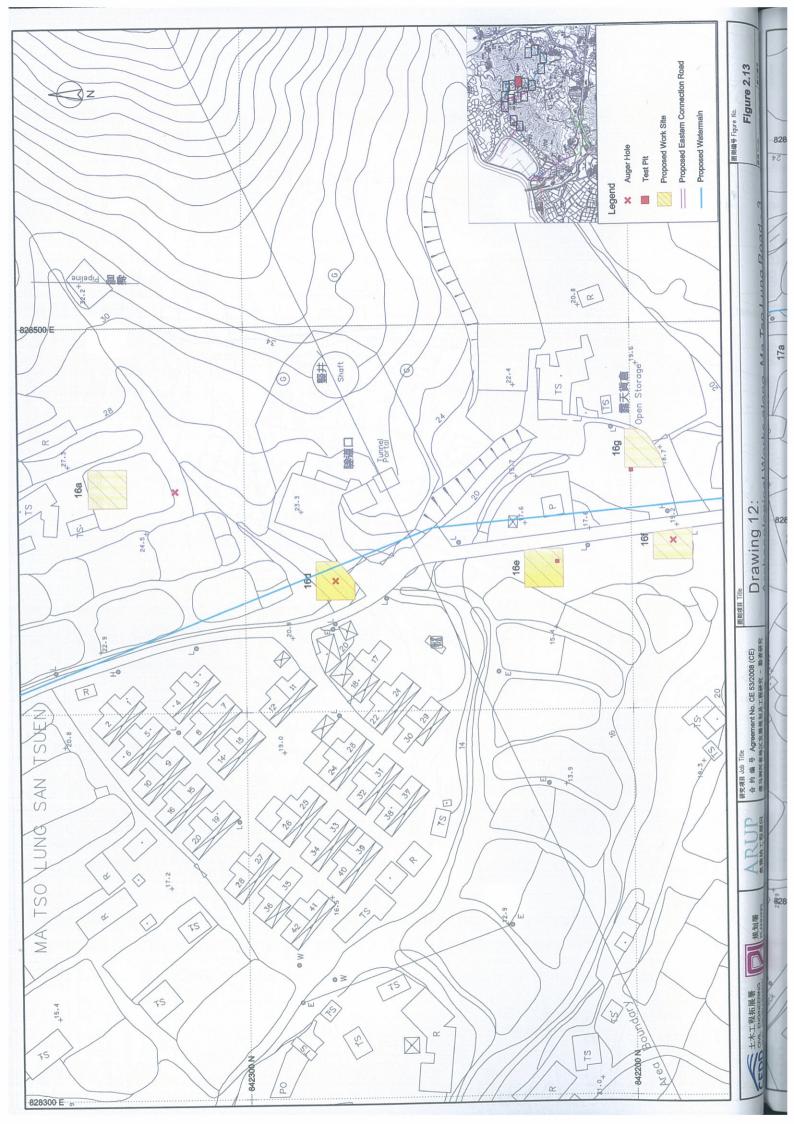


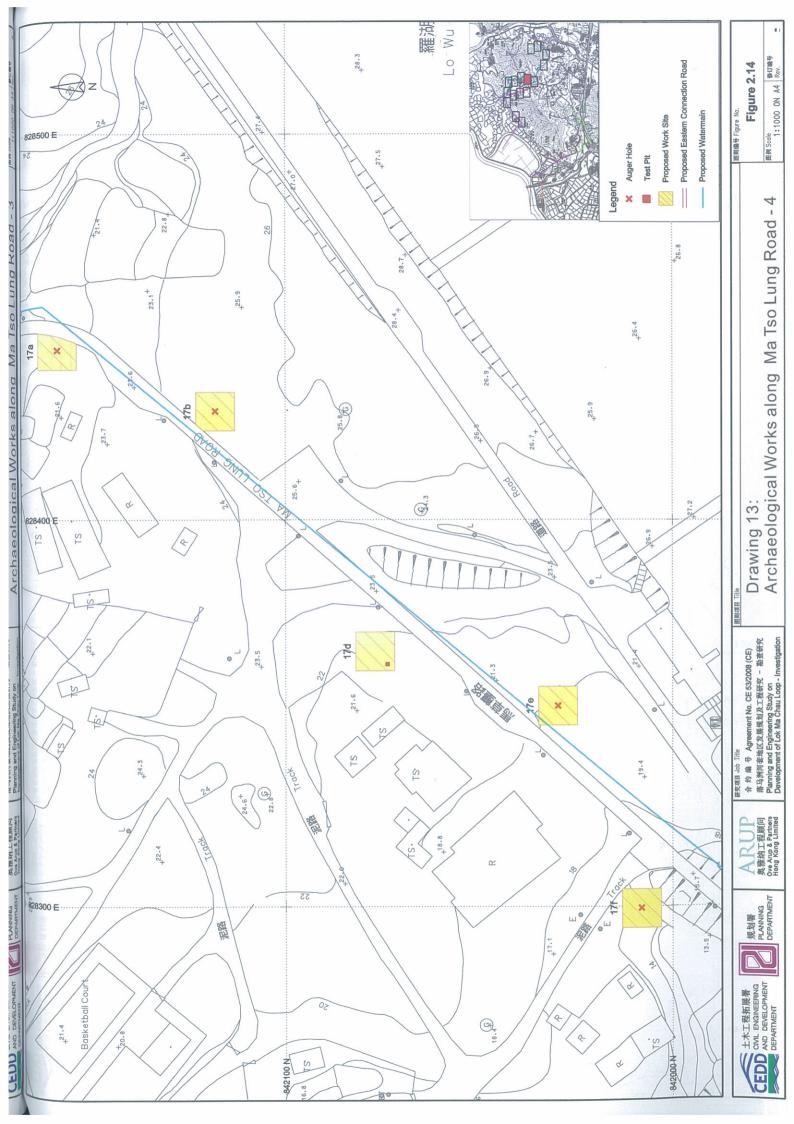


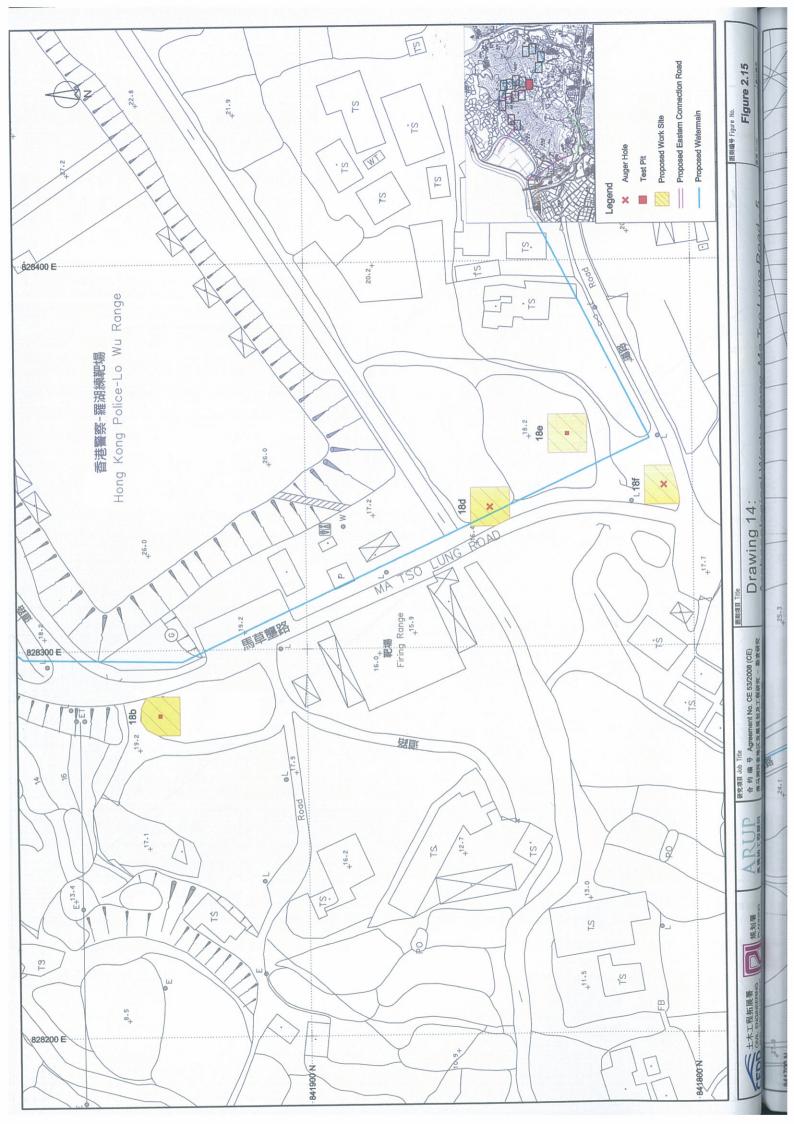


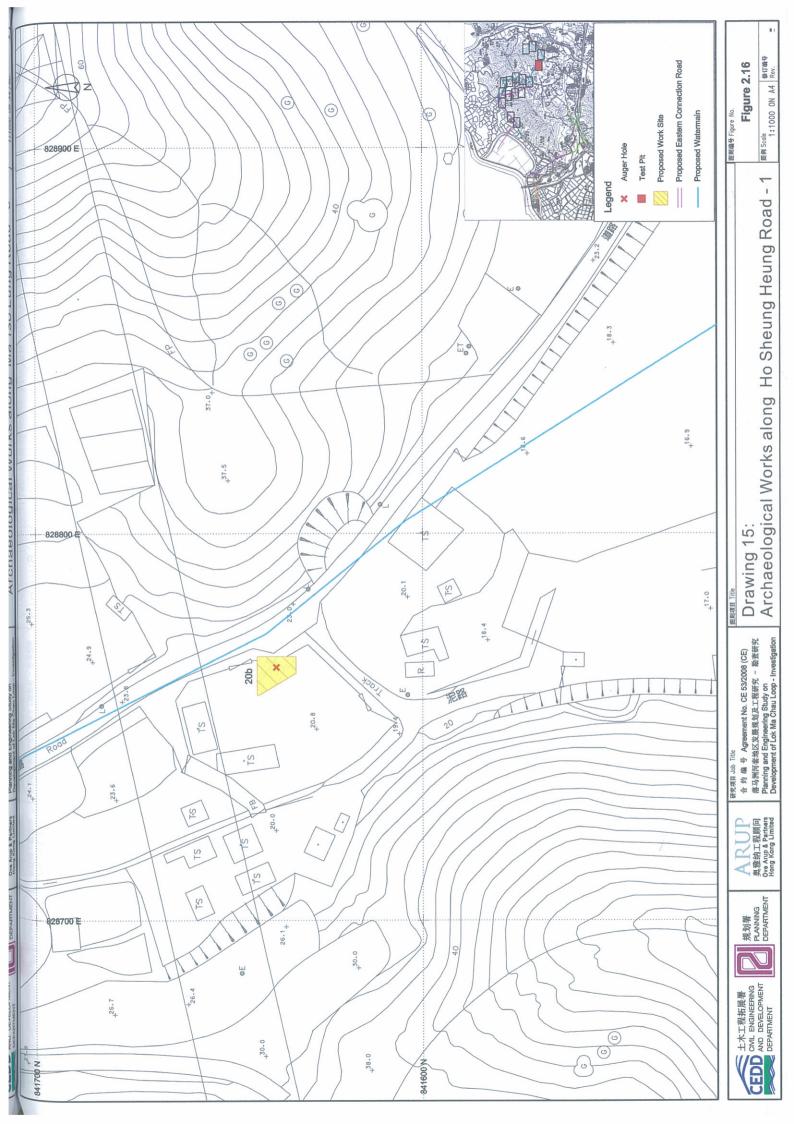


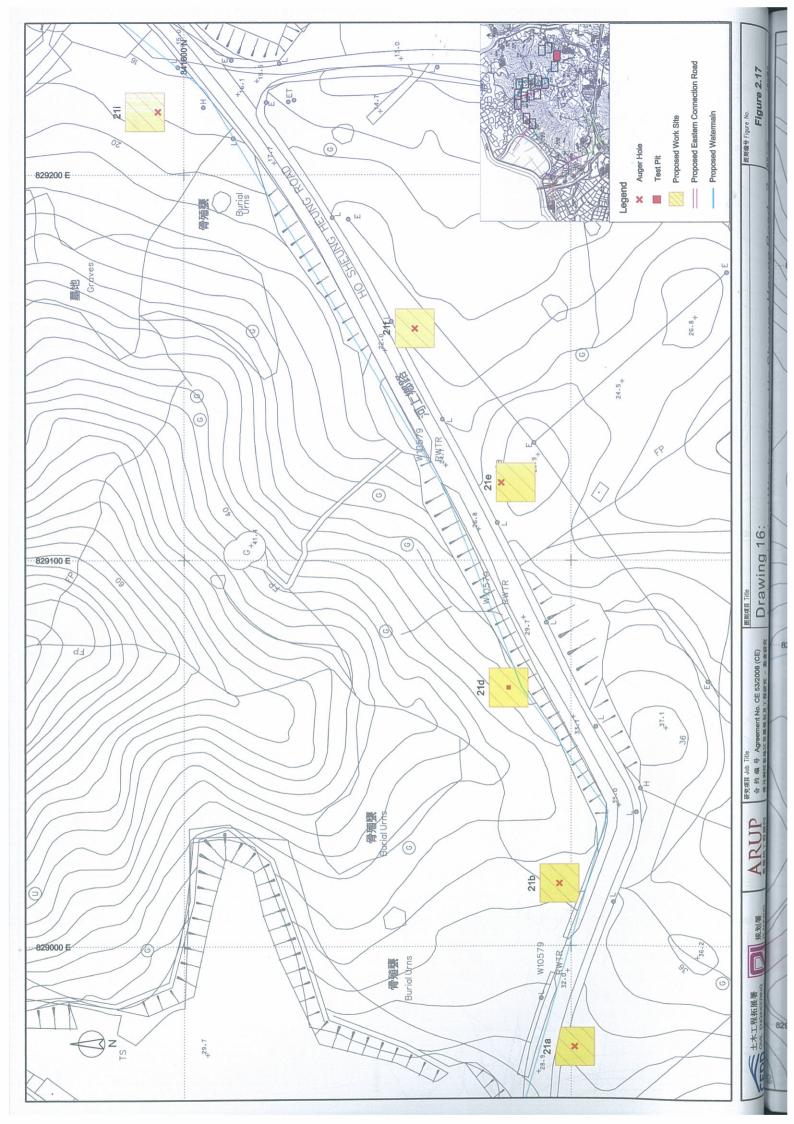


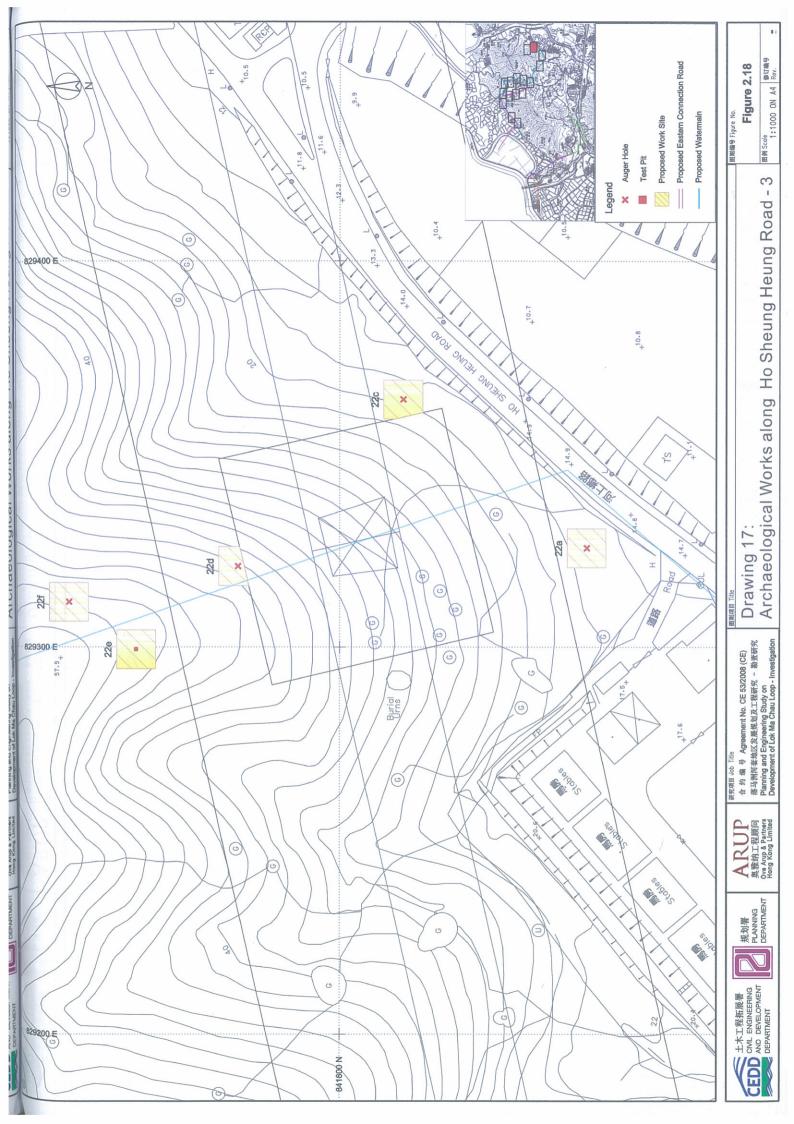


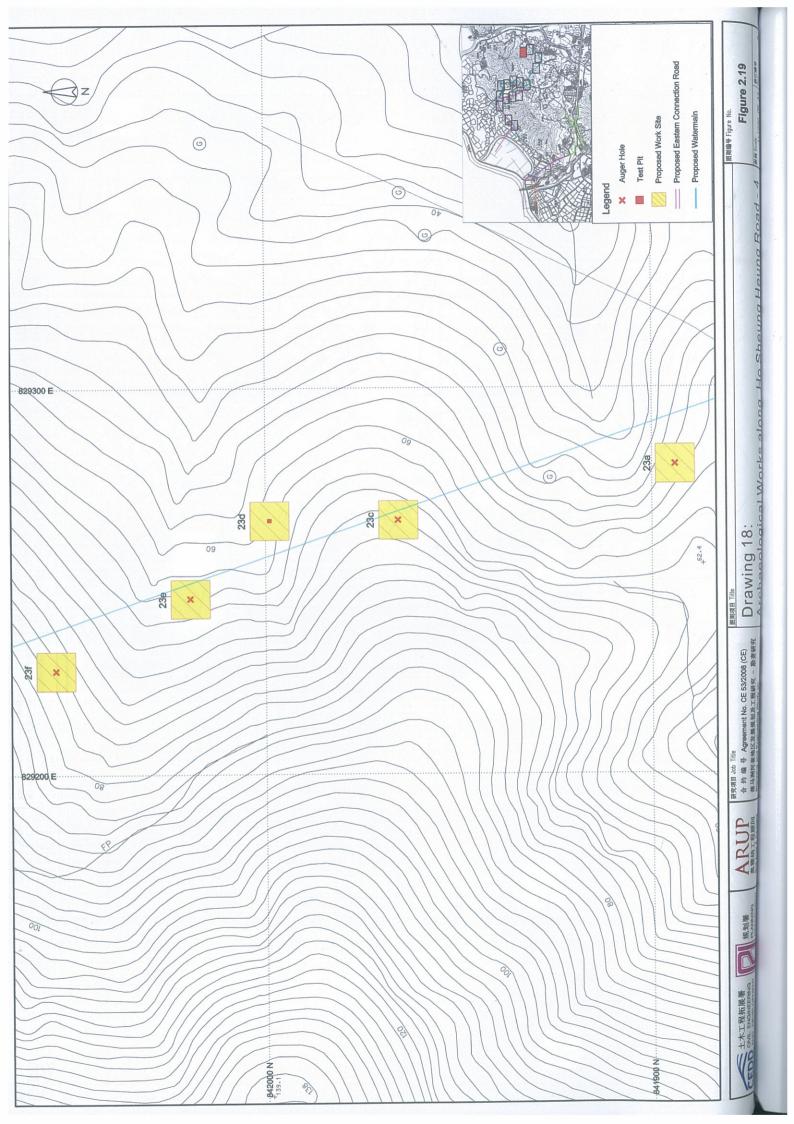












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3. Northern Profile of 6c

2. Eastern Profile of 5f

1. Northern Profile of 5c

Drawing 19 Section Profiles of Test Pits 5c, 5f and 6c









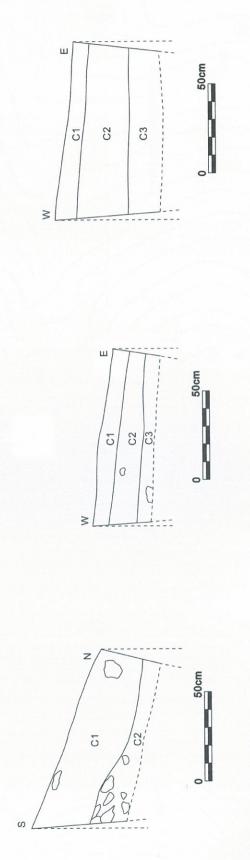








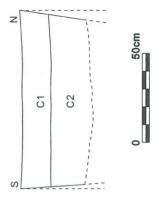




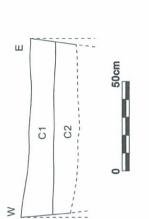
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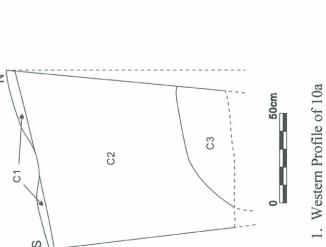
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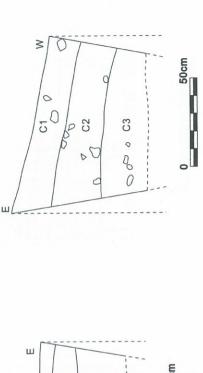




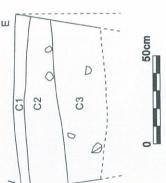
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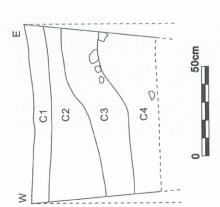




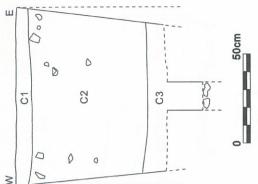


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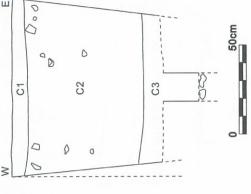
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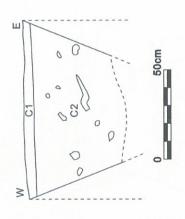
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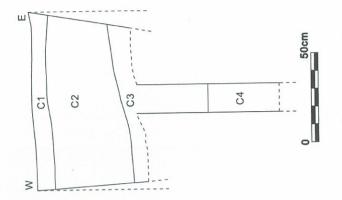


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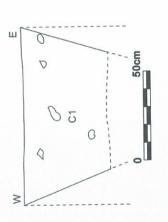
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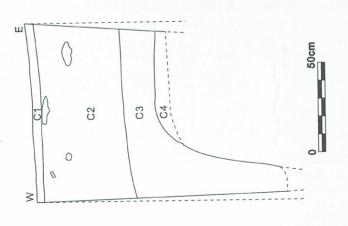






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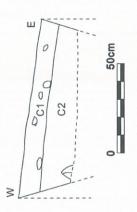
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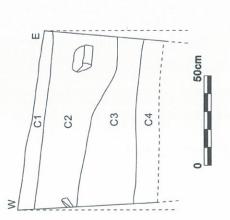
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3. Northern Profile of 23d



2. Northern Profile of 22e

1. Northern Profile of 21d



Drawing 25 Section Profiles of Test Pits 21d, 22e and 23d



1. Northern Section of 5c



2. Eastern Section of 5f

Plate 1 Test Pits 5c and 5f



1. Northern Section of 6c



2. Western Section of 8a

Plate 2 Test Pits 6c and 8a



1. Northern Section of 8b



2. Northern Section of 9b

Plate 3 Test Pits 8b and 9b



1. Western Section of 10a



2. Northern Section of 10e

Plate 4 Test Pits 10a and 10e



1. Northern Section of 11e



2. Northern Section of 14c

Plate 5 Test Pits 11e and 14c



1. Northern Section of 14f



2. Southern Section of 14j

Plate 6 Test Pits 14f and 14j



1. Northern Section of 15a



2. Northern Section of 16e

Plate 7 Test Pits 15a and 16e



1. Northern Section of 16g



2. Northern Section of 17d

Plate 8 Test Pits 16g and 17d



1. Northern Section of 18b



2. Northern Section of 18e

Plate 9 Test Pits 18b and 18e



1. Northern Section of 21d



2. Northern Section of 22e

Plate 10 Test Pits 21d and 22e



1. Northern Section of 23d

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21 February 2012

Mr WANG Wenjian Hong Kong Institute of Archaeology

Dear Mr WANG.

Application for Licence to Conduct Archaeological Survey for Planning and Engineering Study on Development of Lok Ma Chau Loop

With reference to your captioned application, I am pleased to enclose licence No. 331 together with the receipt for the prescribed fee for your retention.

Please be reminded that you shall comply with the provisions of the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53) regarding discovery and excavation of or search for antiquities and also the conditions set out in the licence. Please obtain the full version of the said Ordinance by accessing this website http://www.legislation.gov.hk.

You are also reminded to seek prior consent in writing from the land owners and/or lawful occupiers concerned should your proposed works happen to fall within private land. You are also required to approach the District Lands Officers/Highways Department for application for Excavation Permit or any written permission/approval required concerning the excavation to be carried out in Government lands. Moreover, please inform us of the schedule of your work two weeks prior to the commencement of the work so as to let us arrange site monitoring. Attached please find a copy of the Guidelines for Archaeological Reports and Guidelines for Handling of Archaeological Finds and Archives for your compliance. Please note that the above guidelines will be updated from time to time. You may wish to contact us to obtain the latest version of these guidelines after the completion of fieldwork.

Please kindly send five copies of the final archaeological survey report for our retention. To encourage archaeological research, researchers will view the archaeological reports inside the Reference Library of the Heritage Discovery Centre. Please note that



there are two alternative versions of reply slip for your selection, one for individual owner of copyright and the other for corporate owner of copyright (as attached). I should be most grateful if you could arrange the lawful copyright owner to sign on the reply slip and return it by post or by hand for our further arrangement.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours sincerely,

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for Executive Secretary
Antiquities and Monuments Office

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FORM II

(s.13 & reg.4)

Licence No.	331

ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS ORDINANCE (Chapter 53, Section 13)

LICENCE TO EXCAVATE AND SEARCH FOR ANTIQUITIES

LICENCE is this day granted to Mr Wang Wenjian (1

.) as licensee, to excavate and search for antiquities for Planning and Engineering Study on Development of Lok Ma Chau Loop as described on the attached plan and edged in red.

THIS LICENCE is subject to the following conditions set out below -

- 1. This licence may be cancelled at any time at the discretion of the Authority.
- 2. This licence shall remain in force for 12 months from the date it is granted unless previously cancelled by the Authority.
- 3. The Authority may refuse to renew this licence or grant any further licence to the licensee.
- 4. The licensee shall obtain the consent in writing of the owner and any lawful occupier of the relevant area prior to commencing any excavation and search and shall upon reasonable demand produce evidence of such consent to the Authority.
- 5. A copy of this licence must be displayed or made available on the relevant area for reasonable inspection by the Authority, any member of the Antiquities Advisory Board, a designated person or any police officer on each occasion that the licensee is present and working in such area.
- 6. The ownership of every antiquity shall vest in the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region from the moment of discovery.
- 7. During the currency of this licence, the licensee shall keep the area in a tidy and clean condition to the satisfaction of the Authority.
- 8. Upon or before the determination of this licence the licensee shall, to the satisfaction of the Authority, restore the relevant area to the condition it would have been in had the licensee not commenced any excavation and search.

- 9. Within three months of the commencement of the excavation or search and at three monthly intervals thereafter, or at the conclusion of the excavation or search, whichever is the shorter period, the licensee shall furnish the Authority with -
 - (a) a complete list of all discovered material, sufficiently descriptive to make it possible to identify each item, with identifying codes allocated to each item, such codes being legibly and indelibly written on the item or on a label securely attached to it; and
 - (b) a statement explaining the system of identifying codes, accompanied by such measured drawings, sections, written and visual (photographic and video) records and other information in full details as will provide a record of all archaeological/architectural remains and/or of the circumstances attending the discovery of each item, such as its position in the excavated and associated objects.
- 10. The licensee shall indemnify and keep indemnified the Authority for any damage or accident to any person, property or thing occurring as a consequence of an excavation and search made under this licence.
- 11. During the currency of this licence, the licensee shall be responsible for the safe custody of all discovered material which shall be deposited at a place to be designated by the Authority where it shall be made available for inspection at all reasonable times by the Authority or by persons designated by the Authority.
- 12. The Authority, or a person designated by him, may from time to time stipulate specific conditions for the safe custody of discovered material which appears to him to be of special importance.
- 13. No material discovered under this licence may be removed from the place designated under (11) above without the permission in writing of the Authority or a person designated by him.
- 14. The Authority may by notice in writing addressed to the licensee amend any condition of this licence or impose such additional conditions as the Authority considers desirable.
- 15. This licence is granted subject to the archaeological survey being conducted in accordance with the licensee's application dated 17 January 2012. The licensee shall furnish the Authority with the archaeological report in full details together with all field archives, laboratory records and discovered material within 3 years from the date of completion of all the excavation and search, notwithstanding the expiry of this licence. If the licensee is a representative of an organization as indicated in the application, the aforesaid archaeological report to be submitted by the licensee has to be duly signed with the authorized signature of the organization and sealed with the seal of the organization.

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Signed		
***************************************	(Mrs Carrie Lam)	ekiji P
	(Secretary for Development)	
Date	15 Feb. 2012	

(Note: You are advised to make yourself familiar with the provisions of the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance, Chapter 53, and the Antiquities (Excavation and Search) Regulations.)

