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(Attention:

Dear Sir/Madam,

Ms. Sylvia Chan

Agreement No. CE 93/2017 (DS)

Yuen Long Barrage Scheme - Investigation, Design and Construction Submission of Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (Section 6 – Waste Management and Land Contamination) **Rationale for Sediment Removal**

We refer to your letter of the above reference dated 12 October 2020.

- In Section 6.5.3 please replace the 2nd paragraph "The surplus inert C&D materials will be disposed at Tuen Mun Area 28 Fill Bank via...." by "Nevertheless, the project team would explore reusing the inert C&D materials in other concurrent projects at later stage. For those inert C&D materials that cannot be reused, we propose disposing of the materials at Tuen Mun Area 38 Fill Bank via...."
- In Section 6.5.6 and Table 6.3 we understand that about 17,500 m³ of Category H sediment will be excavated from the captioned project, and proposed for confined marine disposal. While we have no comment in principle on the rationale for sediment removal at this stage, you are reminded to observe the requirements of obtaining MFC's agreement on the rationale for sediment removal and the allocation of sediment disposal site as stipulated in ETWB TC (W) No. 34/2002, if sediment removal or marine disposal of excavated sediment is required in the project. In view of the dwindling disposal space for contaminated sediment in Hong Kong, you are required to minimize the quantity of sediment to be excavated, and explore the opportunity to re-use the excavated sediment during the detailed design stage.

Yours faithfully,

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for Secretary, Marine Fill Committee Civil Engineering and Development Department

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