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(Attn: Ms. Emily CHEUNG)

Dear Ms. CHEUNG,

**Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Ordinance, Cap. 499
Project Title: Improvement of Lion Rock Tunnel**

**Confirmation pursuant to Clause 6.2 of EIA Study Brief
(EIA Study Brief No.: ESB-323/2019)**

We refer to AECOM Asia Co. Ltd.'s (AECOM's) letter (Ref.: 60604728/02.02-2021007726L) dated 26 May 2021 seeking our confirmation on whether the scope of issues covered by the subject EIA Study Brief can still cover the key changes in the scope of the Project pursuant to its Clause 6.2, as extracted below:

"6.2 If there is any key change in the scope of the Project mentioned in sections 1.2 of this EIA Study Brief and in Project Profile (No. PP-517/2014), the Applicant must seek confirmation from the Director in writing on whether or not the scope of issues covered by this EIA Study Brief can still cover the key changes, and the additional issues, if any, that the EIA study must also address. If the changes to the Project fundamentally alter the key scope of the EIA study brief, the Applicant shall apply to the Director for a fresh EIA Study Brief."

Based on the information provided, we understand that the key changes in the scope of the Project include: (i) addition of realignment and road widening works at two slip roads between Lung Cheung Road (Eastbound) and Lion Rock Tunnel Road (LRTR); (ii) exclusion of a section of road widening works along Sha Tin Road near Pok Hong Estate; and (iii) exclusion of the vehicular bridge from LRTR to Hung Mui Kuk Road.

We note that the Project would also involve adjustment in (i) the Project footprints at the tunnel administration area at both ends of the Lion Rock Tunnel; and (ii) alignments along LRTR (shifting most of the sections downhill).

Having considered your reported changes, the associated potential environmental impacts, the original project scope, and assessment requirements of the captioned EIA Study Brief, we consider that the proposed changes to the Project would not fundamentally alter the key scope of issues covered by the captioned EIA Study Brief. Hence, HyD may not need to apply for a fresh EIA Study Brief.

We wish to remind you that the above advice is valid based on the information provided in AECOM's letter of 26 May 2021. If there is any further key changes in the project details and scope during the course of EIA study, you shall continue to observe the requirement of clause 6.2 of the EIA Study Brief and seek our confirmation in writing.

Yours sincerely,



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