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**Container Terminals 10 and 11 -
Information Paper on Government's Response
to ACE Recommendations**

Purpose

The environmental impact assessment (EIA) studies of Container Terminals 10 and 11 were endorsed by the Advisory Council on the Environment (ACE) on 20 February 1995. In endorsing the studies, members made a number of recommendations. This paper updates members on Government's response to the recommendations.

Present Position

(a) EIA studies on borrow areas

It has been decided that the mega land borrow area at Tsing Chau Tsai will not be used for Container Terminals 10 and 11. Alternative fill sources have yet to be identified, and they will be subject to EIA studies.

(b) Diversion of sewage to North Lantau

The diversion of sewage from Discovery Bay and Peng Chau to the Siu Ho Wan sewage treatment plant at North Lantau is also recommended in the Outlying Islands Sewerage Masterplan. We are considering ways to expedite its implementation.

(c) Monitoring programmes on the Chinese White Dolphins

The monitoring programmes will be included in the works contracts. A dolphin baseline survey was commenced in June 1995.

(d) Setting up an independent monitoring and audit office

The monitoring and audit office will be set up when multiple contracts take place.

(e) Implementation of EIA studies' recommendations

All necessary mitigation measures will be incorporated in the works contracts of Container Terminals 10 and 11.

(f) Dredged reclamation method

The possibility of having a dredged reclamation method is being examined in a detailed design study. ACE will be consulted if the dredged option is to be adopted.

(g) Deployment of artificial reefs

AFD has set up an experimental artificial reef in Hoi Ha Wan. Artificial reefs will also be deployed at the dolphin sanctuary in the Sha Chau and Lung Kwu Chau area.

(h) Extension of North Lantau Country Park

The extension of country park areas is a long-term objective. Individual items, however, have to compete for the limited resources available and they have to be prioritized. This year, we shall extend the country park area at Tai Tong and designate Hong Kong's first marine park and marine reserve.