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for advice

**Report of the EIA Subcommittee:
the 14th Meeting on 2 October 1995**

The Subcommittee considered one environmental summary report and discussed the review of the work of the Subcommittee at its meeting on 2 October 1995. One other EIA report was circulated to Members for consideration before the meeting.

Environmental Summary Report on the Hong Kong Golf Centre - Kau Sai Chau

2. The Environmental Impact Assessment for the Kau Sai Chau Golf Course was endorsed by the ACE in May 1994 subject to a number of conditions. One of the conditions was to provide progress reports on certain environmental aspects of the project. The Subcommittee noted the Second Summary Report and considered the Turf Grass Management Plan for the Golf Course.
3. On the Turf Grass Management Plan, members were concerned about the use of fungicides as a preventive measure, having regard to the EIA recommendations that use of such chemicals should be minimised. The consultants explained that the use of fungicides as a preventive measure would result in a smaller total amount of pesticides to be subsequently used for eradication of disease. The consultants reassured members that preventive fungicides were only applied to the greens and tee boxes of the golf course, and that the chemicals used were approved by the Agriculture and Fisheries Department.

4. Members agreed that Ian Hunter of the Agriculture and Fisheries Department and Darin Mosley, the Golf Course Superintendent should be invited to brief members on their next Summary Report.

Review of the Work and Scope of EIA Subcommittee

5. Members had an initial discussion on the review of the work and scope of the EIA Subcommittee. A more detailed discussion would be held in late October/early November.

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for Engineering Infrastructure on Hung Hom Bay Reclamation

6. The Hung Hom Bay reclamation was completed in December 1994. Engineering infrastructure is required to tie in with planned future developments in the reclaimed land. Territory Development Department (the project proponent) proposes to construct 3,700 metres of roads with associated drainage and landscaping works, five footbridges and a vehicular underpass at the junction of Hung Hom South Road and Hung Hom Road. Construction of the engineering infrastructure is scheduled to start in March 1996 and will be completed by January 1999.

7. The EIA concludes that direct technical remedies in the form of a package of low noise road surfacing, noise barriers and absorptive underpass wall lining will be required to mitigate the cumulative traffic noise impact. Where the direct technical remedies cannot minimise the traffic noise impact on existing sensitive receivers to meet the established guidelines/standards, indirect technical remedies in the form of window insulation and air-conditioning will be provided under this project, subject to approval by the Executive Council. Traffic noise impacts will have to be taken into account in planning and designing developments for future noise sensitive receivers.

8. Territorial Development Department and Highways Department (the works agency) have agreed to implement all of the recommended mitigation measures recommended in the study. Housing Department and Lands Department will implement the mitigation measures identified for the proposed PSPS Housing Site.

9. The report was circulated to Members of the Subcommittee for consideration. All Members agreed to endorse the report.

Advice Sought

10. Members are requested to endorse the recommendation of the Subcommittee in paragraph 9 above.

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