

**Notice of the Commission of Inquiry
into the Diaphragm Wall and Platform Slab Construction Works
at the Hung Hom Station Extension
under the Shatin to Central Link Project**

On 10 July 2018, the Chief Executive in Council appointed Mr Michael John HARTMANN as Chairman and Commissioner, and Professor Peter George HANSFORD as Commissioner, of a commission of inquiry under section 2 of the Commissions of Inquiry Ordinance (Chapter 86) (“the Commission”). The Terms of Reference of the Commission shall be as follows –

“In respect of the diaphragm wall and platform slab construction works at the Hung Hom Station Extension under the MTR Corporation Limited (“MTRCL”)’s Contract No. 1112 (“Contract”) of the Shatin to Central Link Project,

- (a) (i) to inquire into the facts and circumstances surrounding the steel reinforcement fixing works, including but not limited to those works at locations that have given rise to extensive public concern about their safety since May 2018;
 - (ii) to inquire into the facts and circumstances surrounding any other works which raise concerns about public safety; and
 - (iii) to ascertain whether the works in (i) and (ii) above were executed in accordance with the Contract. If not, the reasons therefor and whether steps for rectification have been taken;
- (b) to review, in the light of (a) above,
- (i) the adequacy of the relevant aspects of MTRCL’s project management and supervision system, quality assurance and quality control system, risk management system, site supervision and control system and processes, system on reporting to Government, system and processes for communication internally and with various stakeholders, and any other related systems, processes and practices, and the implementation thereof; and
 - (ii) the extent and adequacy of the monitoring and control

mechanisms of the Government, and the implementation thereof; and

- (c) in the light of (b) above, to make recommendations on suitable measures with a view to promoting public safety and assurance on quality of works.”

The Chief Executive in Council has directed that the determination of any criminal or civil liability of any party (whether individual or legal entity) shall be outside the Terms of Reference of the Commission.

Any person who has any information relevant to the subject matter of the inquiry is invited to provide such information together with all relevant documents to the Secretariat of the Commission, either by post to Room 309, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong, or by fax (3427 9692), or by email (secretariat@coi-hh.gov.hk). The Commission would be grateful if such information and documents could be provided to the Commission as soon as possible.

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Secretary to the Commission