Commission of Inquiry into the Construction Works at and near the Hung Hom Station Extension under the Shatin to Central Link Project

(formerly 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)

Notice of Substantive Hearing

The substantive hearing of the Commission of Inquiry into the Construction Works at and near the Hung Hom Station Extension under the Shatin to Central Link Project ("Commission") will resume at 10:00 a.m. on 2 January 2020 (Thursday) at the hearing room on 1/F of the former Tsuen Wan Law Courts Building, 70 Tai Ho Road, Tsuen Wan, New Territories, Hong Kong. The substantive hearing shall, subject to any adjournments that the Commission may consider necessary from time to time, continue until mid-February 2020.

- 2. Upon approval of a further extension of time by the Chief Executive in Council on 10 September 2019, the Commission will submit a final report on its findings and recommendations to the Chief Executive on or before 31 March 2020. The Commission plans to finish all expert evidence and, if necessary, further factual evidence, as well as all closing submissions by mid-February 2020.
- 3. Unless otherwise directed by the Commission, the substantive hearing will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. The Commission may consider holding the substantive hearing on Saturdays during the said period if necessary.
- 4. The substantive hearing is open to the public and there will be live video/audio broadcast of the proceedings at the hearing transmission gallery and the hall area next to the hearing room.

Access to the Hearing Venue

5. Members of the public attending the hearing are advised to use the main entrance of the former Tsuen Wan Law Courts Building at Tai Ho Road ("Building"), and follow directions to go to the hearing venue. Parking spaces will not be available. A map and a photo of the main entrance of the Building may be found at **Appendix I**.

Seating Arrangements

6. Given physical constraints, seats inside the hearing room are limited and will be reserved for the legal teams for the Commission, the involved parties and parties that have been given permission by the Commission to participate in the inquiry. Members of the public will be seated in the hall area next to the hearing room. All persons have to register when entering the Building. The registration counter will start operation at 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. for the morning and afternoon hearing sessions respectively.

Photography and Audio / Video Recording

7. The Commission has directed that, without its specific authorisation, throughout the entire period of the substantive hearing, no photography or audio/video recording is permitted inside the hearing room, hearing transmission gallery, hall area and other areas within the Building.

Inclement Weather Arrangements

8. The inclement weather arrangements are set out at **Appendix II**.

Secretariat of the Commission December 2019

Appendix I

Map showing the location of the former Tsuen Wan Law Courts Building, 70 Tai Ho Road, Tsuen Wan, New Territories, Hong Kong



Former Tsuen Wan Law Courts Building

→ Main entrance

Pedestrian routings

Photo of the main entrance of the former Tsuen Wan Law Courts Building



Inclement weather arrangements

Black Rainstorm Warning Signal

If the signal is lowered or cancelled at or before 6:00 a.m. on a weekday, the hearing on that day will be conducted as scheduled.

If the signal is lowered or cancelled between 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. or at 11:00 a.m. on a weekday, the hearing will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. on that day.

If the signal is lowered or cancelled after 11:00 a.m. on a weekday, the hearing on that day will be cancelled.

If the signal is lowered or cancelled at or before 6:00 a.m. on a Saturday, the hearing on that day will be conducted as scheduled.

If the signal is not lowered or cancelled before 6:00 a.m. on a hearing day on a Saturday, the hearing on that day will be cancelled.

Other warning signals

The date and time of the hearing will not be affected if other warning signals (including Red Rainstorm Signal and Amber Rainstorm Signal) are in force.