

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

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**SECOND WITNESS STATEMENT OF JONATHAN KITCHING**

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I, Jonathan Kitching of 39/F Sun Hung Kai Centre, 30 Harbour Road, Hong Kong, will say as follows:

1. I refer to my first witness statement dated 23 May 2019. Unless otherwise stated or the context otherwise requires, any abbreviations shall bear the same meaning as therein.
2. I make this second statement to supplement the third witness statement of Henry Lai dated 24 May 2019 (“**Lai’s Statement**”) (paragraph 11) which is in reply to the witness statement of Ng Man Chun (“**Ng**”) dated 17 May 2019 (“**Ng’s Statement**”).
3. Any allegations or matters raised in the statements mentioned in paragraph 2 above (or any other statements) which are not addressed in, or are inconsistent with, my witness statement are denied. If I do not address any allegations or matters raised in other witness statements, it should not be construed as an admission on my part.
4. Unless otherwise stated, the facts stated herein are within my personal knowledge and are true. Where the facts and matters stated herein are not within my own knowledge, they are based on the stated sources and are true to the best of my knowledge.

**The informal discussion with Ng / Wing & Kwong**

5. I note in paragraphs 96 and 97 of Ng’s Statement that Ng refers to a meeting between Wing & Kwong and Leighton at the site office; I also note paragraph 11 of Lai’s Statement in reply.
6. In around early February we needed to ascertain the extent of unconnected rebar to establish if a full reconstruction was required or some lesser remedial works. I recall having an informal discussion with the Wing & Kwong supervisor via one of my engineers acting as interpreter. Although I do not recall the exact conversation, I am

informed that he confirmed maybe as many as 30% or more of the couplers may not be connected.

7. I also understand that separate discussions with other members of staff also took place with the Wing & Kwong supervisor which seemed to corroborate this number of uncoupled bars.

Dated the 30<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019.

Signed: .....



**Jonathan Kitching**