

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

FOURTH WITNESS STATEMENT OF JOE TAM

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

1. I refer to my first, second and third witness statements dated 2 October 2018, 22 October 2018 and 30 April 2019 respectively. Unless otherwise stated or the context otherwise requires, any abbreviations shall bear the same meaning as in those statements.
2. 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, information and belief.
3. As set out in paragraph 3 of my third statement dated 30 April 2019, I covered the NAT of the Project as the Construction Manager between January 2015 and July 2017. During this period of time, I also covered the South Approach Tunnels area (“SAT”). In around April 2017, I began covering the Hung Hom Stabling Sidings area (“HHS”). I was transferred to another project in accordance with the revised demobilisation plan, although I was still working on the Project on a part-time basis between August and September 2017. I understand that I qualify as a Technically Competent Person (TCP) of grade T4 for the Project.

RISC forms

4. I became aware on or around 24 March 2017 that formal joint inspections by Leighton and MTRCL had been completed, while some of the relevant RISC forms were still outstanding, when I was copied in an email dated 24 March 2017 from Kenneth Kong (Senior Inspector of Works) of MTRCL to Leighton (numbered **LCAL.SCL.3.01** in the Index).

5. Upon receiving MTRCL's email dated 24 March 2017 (Friday) and over the next few days, I spoke to my team members in person on an individual basis while at the site office and reminded them that going forward, they should submit the RISC forms immediately. I spoke to every team under my supervision. Those team members with whom I had spoken responded on the spot that they would deal with the matter.
6. A few days later, I met Kenneth Kong of MTRCL and followed up on whether there was any improvement on the RISC forms submissions. He responded that there had been improvements.
7. I therefore assumed that the matter had been resolved to the satisfaction of MTRCL, to whom the RISC forms were submitted. I did not hear about this matter again from MTRCL while I was working on the Project.

Dated the 17 day of MAY 2019.

Signed: 

Joe Tam