Witness Statement of Wong Ying

I, WONG Ying, also known as Christie Wong, Engineer of the Highways Department ("**HyD**") of Upper Ground Floor, Ho Man Tin Government Offices, 8 Chung Hau Street, Ho Man Tin, Kowloon, do say as follows:-

1. I make this statement pursuant to the directions of the Commission of Inquiry ("COI") into the Diaphragm Wall and Platform Slab Construction Works at the Hung Hom Station Extension under the Shatin to Central Link ("SCL") Project of 1 August 2018 ("1 August Letter"). Save as otherwise stated, the matters stated in this statement are either within my knowledge or obtained from perusal of the relevant file records of the HyD which I have access to, and are true to the best of my information, knowledge and belief.

2. This witness statement addresses Question 12 at page 17 of the 1 August Letter concerning the events set out in a press release published by the Transport and Housing Bureau ("**THB**") on 9 June 2018.

3. I am an Engineer of the HyD and have held this position since 15 October 2015. For the period from 15 October 2015 to 4 February 2018, I was the engineer in HyD assisting the implementation of the Contract No. 1112 with the MTR Corporation Limited ("MTRCL") under the SCL Project at construction stage.

4. On 15 September 2017 at 1149 hours, I received an email from Mr. CHU Tun-Hon, Senior Engineer/Shatin to Central Link (7) of HyD ("Vincent Chu"), regarding an email by a Mr. Jason Poon to the THB requesting a joint interview in presence of the senior representative of THB, MTRCL, Leighton and China Technology Corporation Limited ("CT"). A copy of the said email from Vincent Chu is produced in his witness statement to the Commission as VC-2. Further to his email at 1149 hours, I recalled that Vincent Chu also requested me to contact the representative of MTRCL to urgently follow up the matter. To the best of my recollection, I managed to contact the representative of MTRCL (probably Mr. James Ho, Senior Construction Engineer – Civil of Contract No. 1112 but I cannot confirm) between 1330 hours to 1600 hours on 15

September 2017. I cannot recall exact details of my tele-conversation with the said representative of MTRCL, but to the best of my recollection, the said representative of MTRCL confirmed that CT is a subcontractor responsible for works under Contract 1112. I recall that the said representative of MTRCL advised over the phone that this matter would be coordinated by Mr. Carl Wu, Co-ordination Manager of MTRCL for the SCL Project. I reported to Vincent Chu my telephone conversation with the representative of MTRCL at around 1630 hours on 15 September 2017.

5. At around 2045 hours on 15 September 2017, Vincent Chu informed me that Jason Poon had intended to return his call on 16 September 2017 at around 09:00 hours. Since I would be in office on that day, I suggested to Vincent Chu that I could assist and I would wait for Jason Poon's call in Vincent Chu's office and request for the necessary information on the matter. A copy of the relevant conversation records between Vincent Chu and myself at around 1630 hours and 2045 hours are produced in his witness statement to the Commission as VC-8.

6. On 16 September 2017, I waited in Vincent Chu's office since 0850 hours but did not get any call from Jason Poon. I therefore called Jason Poon at around 0915 hours. Over the phone, I stated that I was the engineer responsible for the Hung Hom Station of the SCL Project and would like to discuss with him about the issue and his concerns. However, Jason Poon stated that he preferred discussing with Vincent Chu directly on 18 September 2017. Jason Poon also said he would be engaged in a meeting that morning but should be able to call Vincent Chu at around 1100 hours on 18 September 2017. I subsequently emailed Jason Poon at 1020 hours on 16 September 2017 and recorded his preference to discuss with Vincent Chu directly on 18 September 2017. I also stated in the email that we looked forward to his call at around 1100 hours on 18 September I had copied Vincent Chu and SH Leung, the then Assistant 2017. Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport) 7B of the THB, to the said email for their information. A copy of the said emails sent by me to Vincent Chu at 1000 hours and to Jason Poon at 1020 hours are produced in Vincent Chu's witness statement to the Commission as VC-9 and VC-10.

7. I confirm that the contents of this Witness Statement are true to

the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Wong Ying 7 September 2018