COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE CONSTRUCTION WORKS AT AND NEAR THE HUNG HOM STATION EXTENSION UNDER THE SHATIN TO CENTRAL LINK PROJECT

WITNESS STATEMENT OF YEUNG KIN WA FOR MTR CORPORATION LIMITED

I, Yeung Kin Wa, of MTR Corporation Limited, MTR Headquarters Building, Telford Plaza, 33 Wai Yip Street, Kowloon Bay, Hong Kong, will say as follows:

- I am the Project Manager SCL Civil HUH of MTR Corporation Limited ("MTRCL") for the Shatin to Central Link Project (the "SCL Project"). I am duly authorised by MTRCL to make this statement on its behalf.
- 2. I give this statement based on my personal involvement in Contract No. SCL 1112 since October 2018 and I confirm that this statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. There are occasions when I can only speak to matters by reference to MTRCL's documents, in which case I believe the contents of those documents to be true and accurate.
- 3. I obtained a Bachelor Degree (Civil Engineering) from the Polytechnic of Central London in 1986. I have been a Registered Professional Engineer (Civil) in Hong Kong since 2007 and a member of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers and the Institution of Structural Engineers since 1994.
- 4. I joined MTRCL in 1993 as a Site Engineer (Civil). In 2000, I joined Kowloon Canton Railway Corporation ("KCRC") as a Senior Civil Engineer. At the merger between KCRC and MTRCL in December 2007, I took up the role of a Senior Construction Engineer Civil. Since then, I took up various roles over the years including the role as the Construction Manager for the Kwun Tong Line Extension Project in 2012 and the Construction Manager for the Express Rail Link (XRL) Terminus in 2016. In October 2018, I was appointed to my current position as the Project

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Manager - SCL Civil - HUH. As the Project Manager, my major responsibility is to oversee the works under Contract No. SCL 1112.

5. I am providing this witness statement regarding MTRCL's Statistical Report for the Original Inquiry ("COI 1 Stat Report") and its Statistical Report for the Extended Inquiry ("COI 2 Stat Report"), both dated 13 September 2019, in response to the Direction given by the Commission of Inquiry into the Construction Works at and near the Hung Hom Station Extension under the Shatin to Central Link Project (the "Commission") through an email dated 21 September 2019 from Messrs. Lo & Lo, Solicitors, who I understand are the solicitors acting for the Commission.

Holistic Proposal, Holistic Report and COI 1 Stat Report

- 6. I was personally involved in the preparation of the Holistic Proposal and Holistic Report and am one of the authors of the COI 1 Stat Report.
- 7. In October 2018, MTRCL commenced the preparation of the Holistic Proposal. Since then, I and my colleagues in MTRCL's Projects Team were engaged in regular discussions and consultation with the Government and its advisers (including the Expert Adviser Team appointed by the Chief Executive of the HKSAR and Professors from the University of Hong Kong), via telephone calls, emails or meetings, for the preparation of the Holistic Proposal.
- 8. In or around December 2018, a working group comprising representatives from MTRCL, Buildings Department, Railway Development Office of the Highways Department, the Hong Kong Police and the Expert Adviser Team was formed (the "Task Force Group") to facilitate discussions and consultation between MTRCL and the relevant approval authorities and regulators for the implementation of the Holistic Proposal and preparation of the Holistic Report. I am one of the participants representing MTRCL in the Task Force Group.
- 9. Between October 2018 and February 2019, I attended almost every meeting with the Government and its advisers and the Task Force Group to discuss the preparation and implementation of the Holistic Proposal. After February 2019, I occasionally attended the Task Force Group meetings, as and when specifically requested by other Task Force Group members to attend, usually

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when important decisions in relation to the implementation of the Holistic Proposal were required to be made. As such, I have direct and personal knowledge on the matters discussed and deliberations made within the Task Force Group.

10. Given my personal involvement in the preparation and implementation of the Holistic Proposal and Holistic Report, I can speak to most of the factual matters set out in the COI 1 Stat Report. The part of the COI 1 Stat Report which I do not have direct personal knowledge of is the section relating to the Formula suggested by Professor Yin, but I have some general knowledge of the factual circumstances under which the Formula was adopted by MTRCL through briefings given to me by my colleagues.

Verification Proposal, Verification Report and COI 2 Stat Report

11. I was personally involved in the preparation of the Verification Proposal and Verification Report and am one of the authors of the COI 2 Stat Report. I can speak to the factual matters set out in the COI 2 Stat Report.

Adoption of the COI 1 Stat Report and the COI 2 Stat Report

- 12. I have re-read the COI 1 Stat Report and the COI 2 Stat Report for the purpose of providing this witness statement. I have one clarification to make in relation to the COI 1 Stat Report. Paragraph 14(7) of the COI 1 Stat Report states that the "opening-up works in those areas with capping beams revealed that in two out of the 11 locations opened up, the main rebars from the capping beams at the top of the D-walls were not properly connected to the couplers linking the rebars from the EWL slab and the capping beams." I wish to clarify that the reference to "11 locations" should be read as "11 samples".
- 13. Subject to the above clarification, I adopt the contents of the COI 1 Stat Report and the COI 2 Stat Report and confirm that the contents of the two reports are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated this 23rd day of September 2019

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