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The Secretary,
Town Planning Board,
15/F, North Point Government Offices,
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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Planning application for the Proposed Public Utility Installation
(Telecommunications Radio Base Station) at Government Land adjacent to the
Existing Mount Nicholson Microwave Station (Application No. A/H14/83)**

Green Power would like to draw your kind attention to our concerns about the above-captioned planning application.

1. The location of the captioned project is an important breeding ground of *Byasa confusus* (中華麝鳳蝶), which is a very rare butterfly species with local concerns in Hong Kong. One of the major larval food plants of this butterfly species, called *Aristolochia mollis* (柔毛馬兜鈴), is found in the captioned project area.
2. *Aristolochia mollis* has very restricted distribution in Hong Kong. Currently, Mount Nicholson is the only locality in Hong Kong, at where *Aristolochia mollis* is found. Being the most important larval food plant of *Byasa confusus*, the life cycle and hence survival of this butterfly species will be seriously impaired, if *Aristolochia mollis* was removed due to the captioned project.
3. We opine that the *Aristolochia mollis* within and around the captioned project area should be preserved and protected as far as possible. Translocation and artificial propagation of *Aristolochia mollis* should be considered to mitigate the adverse impacts to this rare plant species. Construction sites, including temporary construction material storage, should be confined in the captioned project area. Areas of *Aristolochia mollis* at the periphery of the captioned project area can be identified and fenced off by ecologists to minimize potential human disturbances during the construction phase.

Thank you very much for your kind attention. For any inquiries, please contact the undersigned at Green Power (T: 39610200, F: 2314 2661, Email: wflo@greenpower.org.hk).

Yours faithfully,

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