

## **BY EMAIL ONLY**

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Dear Ms. Cheng,

## <u>Project Profile for Installation of the Proposed 132kV Cable Circuits Connecting with</u> <u>Ho To West Substation and Existing 132kV Fanling to Mai Po Cable Circuits</u>

Green Power would like to draw your kind attention to our comments about the above-captioned Project Profile.

- 1. The Project site falls within the Wetland Conservation Area and Wetland Buffer Area of the Inner Deep Bay Ramsar Site, the project proponent should adopt effective measures to minimize and mitigate the potential environmental impacts on the adjacent wetland eco-system.
- 2. Part of the ecological baseline survey data of the Project is out of date. Since the surveys did not cover every month of a consecutive year, whether the survey effort is sufficient to evaluate the ecological impacts of the Project is in doubt. Given the proximity of the Project sites to the globally important wetlands, it is recommended to conduct a year-long ecological impact assessment such that the ecological impacts can be fully identified and addressed.
- 3. As the watercourses in the Project site is connected to the Deep Bay Area, zero-discharge policy should be strictly observed during the construction phase of the Project. Apart from the standard measures to control site run-off and drainage (mentioned in Session 5.1.3), excavation and back filling works should be suspended when there is unfavorable weather condition (e.g. rainstorm).
- 4. C&D waste generated from the Project should be stored, transported, and finally disposed of properly at the designated disposal location. Unauthorized disposal of the C&D and excavated materials should be strictly prohibited in wherever the Government or private lands.

5. Although the Project involves only small-scale excavation works, the project proponent is still required to apply for a statutory planning application and the approval from the Town Planning Board under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance before undertaking the works.

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

Yours faithfully,

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