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Dear Ms. Tse,

Project Profiles for Installation of Proposed Cable Route
from Cheung Sha to Tung Chung Town

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

1. The excavated spoil and C&D materials should be properly stored, transported, and finally disposed of at the designated facilities in accordance with the regulations (Session 5.1.4). The dump trucks and heavy vehicles associated with this project should only be allowed to travel on the designated route to and from the temporary storage areas/works areas and disposal facilities/other sites relevant to this project. The trucks and heavy vehicles should not enter the Lantau Closed Road when they are not undertaking the project works. We urge the project proponent to introduce real-time surveillance system with tracking and alert device on the dump trucks and incorporate deterrent clauses in the works contract to combat any fly-tipping activity.
2. In order to avoid collection and disturbance, locations of some flora species of conservation importance may be too sensitive to expose. Instead of setting up works exclusion zone by fencing off all these species found in the project site (Session 5.1.5), we recommend designating non-sensitive work zones to limit the footprint of the works. Temporary works areas, storage areas and excessive human activities associated with the construction works within the Country Park should be taken place within boundary of new and old Tung Chung Road as far as possible.

3. The construction works of the pipe bridges will be conducted in the dry season in which amphibian species is almost inactive (Session 5.1.3). Hence, implementing capture and relocation actions for the amphibian species of conservation importance before the works (Session 5.1.5) is seemingly redundant but causing unnecessary disturbances to the project site, especially the natural streams.
4. To protect the river/stream water quality of natural streams and Ecologically Important Streams, works areas should not encroach the river courses and banks of Tung Chung River and Cheung Sha River. Any excavated spoil and C&D materials should not be placed on or near to river/stream banks and should be removed daily. The project and associated personnel should not extract and disturb river/stream water such as washing clothes and vehicles/equipment with river/stream water or in the river/stream courses. Sewage and wastewater should neither be discarded in any rivers/streams and Tung Chung River channels and stormwater drains, especially in Works Section 1 to 19. Also, no chemicals, such as cement, lubricating oil, should be stored in the watershed of Tung Chung River, Cheung Sha River and Wong Lung Hang in addition to water gathering grounds. Corresponding deterrent clauses should be incorporated in the works contract to combat any breach.
5. Tree removal (Session 5.1.6) should be considered as the last resort when other alternatives, such as fine-tuning the pipe alignment, is not feasible.

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 sincerely



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