MEMORANDUM FOR THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD

ASSESSMENT OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

PURPOSE

This paper invites Members to consider confirming the grading of the buildings as detailed in paragraph 3 below, and to consider the proposed grading of the five new items set out in paragraph 4 below.

BACKGROUND

- 2. As at the meeting held on 17 September 2015, Members have endorsed the grading of 1 309 buildings, as follows:
 - (a) 170 buildings with Grade 1 status;
 - (b) 349 buildings with Grade 2 status;
 - (c) 484 buildings with Grade 3 status;
 - (d) 288 buildings with no grading; and
 - (e) 18 buildings with no further processing due to their demolition or substantial alteration.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

3. At the meeting on 17 September 2015, Members agreed to accord the proposed grading to the 24 items as listed at <u>Annex A</u>, including the Watervale House at Former Gordon Hard Camp in Tuen Mun, and the 23 buildings within the premise of the Shaw Studio in Sai Kung. Following the usual practice, the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) commenced a one-month public consultation on the proposed grading of these items.

During the consultation period, no adverse comment has been received concerning the grading of these items. Members may therefore wish to confirm the grading of these items.

4. At the same meeting on 17 September 2015, Members decided to defer the discussion on the proposed grading of the five new items related to the Ma On Shan Iron Mine listed in <u>Annex B</u>. Members are now invited to comment on the proposed grading of these new items. Subject to Members' views, AMO will upload the proposed grading of these five items to the website of the Board for a one-month public consultation as per usual practice. We will report to Members on the information or views received for further consideration before finalising their grading.

ADVICE SOUGHT

- 5. Members are invited to:
 - (a) consider confirming the grading of buildings as detailed in paragraph 3 above; and
 - (b) consider endorsing the proposed grading of the five new items related to the Ma On Shan Iron Mine set out in paragraph 4 above.

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