

**Antiquities and Monuments Office's Comments
on the Heritage Impact Assessment in respect of
The Redevelopment of Sha Tau Kok Control Point and Associated Works**

The Antiquities and Monuments Office (“AMO”) has reviewed the findings set out in the Heritage Impact Assessment (“HIA”) report in respect of **the Redevelopment of Sha Tau Kok Control Point and Associated Works**, and has the following comments:

- (a) We noted that a 10m buffer zone has been assessed and proposed for the minimum separation in between the existing chain-link fence and its retaining structure from the boundary of the declared monument to minimise the impact due to the construction activities. Further assessment and monitoring proposals of the impact will be submitted and agreed with AMO;
- (b) Introducing aesthetically-pleasant hoarding during the construction stage and improvement of the existing chain-link fence along that portion by repainting its retaining structure and provision of suitable greenery during operation phase, in order to minimise the visual impact on the declared monument is considered advisable;
- (c) We noted that the two major buildings will be set back approximately 50m from the boundary of the declared monument to minimise adverse impact on the declared monument. Further assessment of the potential impact on the declared monument, an overall structural assessment of the declared monument, condition surveys and monitoring proposals will be submitted to and agreed with AMO prior to the commencement of construction;
- (d) We noted that precautionary measures during the construction phase to avoid impact on the declared monument through maintaining a 10m buffer zone from its boundary, kept free from the haul road and excessive loading due to material storage and vehicular movement and use of slow-down signs, etc. Stringent construction site management and vehicular control in the

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vicinity of the declared monument shall be implemented at all times to avoid any damages or disturbance;

- (e) Considering the close proximity and scale of the footbridge, more transparent or open design and minimal use of reflective materials should be considered to mitigate the visual impact to the declared monument; and
- (f) Cartographic and photographic surveys conducted for the declared monument within the Study Area before and after the commencement of works will be sent to AMO for record. A set of such records will be provided to AMO for future use, such as research, exhibition and educational programmes.

2. In addition to the mitigation measures devised in the HIA report, AMO proposed further enhancement measures as agreeable by the project proponent as follows:

- (a) To ensure that the mitigation measures recommended in the HIA report are properly implemented, a heritage consultant should be appointed by Architectural Services Department to monitor the implementation of the mitigation measures and record any changes and variations, and to prepare progress reports for AMO's noting and action as appropriate;
- (b) To consult AMO as early as possible on any deviation of scope and design from the HIA report for agreement before commencement of such works; and
- (c) To provide the contractor's design during the earlier design stage and update AMO for agreement on the required assessments, surveys and proposals, before commencement of construction.