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Dear Ms. Cheng,

Project Profile for Desilting Works at River Silver, Mui Wo


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

1. The project aims at removal of the silt accumulated in the berthing bay in River Silver, Mui Wo and facilitates berthing of sampans. However, River Silver flows into Silver Mine Bay which is a popular bathing beach and is in vicinity of the project site. In order to prevent any impacts on water quality of Silver Mine Bay in construction phase, effluent should be strictly prohibited to discharge from the project site.
2. We concur that silt curtains should be installed to enclose the berthing bay in construction phase to contain any potential release of suspended solids from the desilting works which should be carried out during non-bathing season. However, additional silt curtains should be ready to install in other proper positions if necessary.
3. As the project site is for berthing of sampans, associated human activities may have brought about refuse dumping in the sediment deposited in the project sites. Therefore, sorting out of refuse from the silt and sand should be carried out but corresponding site has not been identified in the Project profile. We opine that sorting should be conducted on-site to minimize the footprint of environmental impacts of the project.
4. Fly-tipping and illegal dumping in farmlands, wetlands and other ecologically sensitive areas are proliferating in the South Lantau and such vandalism cases have been frequently spotted and reported without proper enforcement and reinstatement. Green Power is gravely concerned about the transportation and disposal of any solid materials/waste generated from the captioned project. We urge the project proponent to incorporate deterrent clauses in the works contract so as to monitor the transportation and disposal of solid wastes, including but not limited to
 - (a) restrict the routes of dump-trucks to and from the works sites and disposal facilities;
 - (b) avoid dumping of any sand/silt, wastes and debris generated from the project in places other than destined facilities;
 - (c) set up/destinate related facilities (e.g. barging point) to mandatorily collect and dispose of the sand/silt and waste generated by the proposed project;
 - (d) prohibit the loaded dump trucks from accessing South Lantau Road and other vehicular accesses in Mui Wo and on Lantau which are deviated from the designated transportation routes; and
 - (e) install GPS device on the dump trucks to track the transportation of wastes.

5. Site offices, carparks and other facilities associated with the construction of proposed project should not be located in farmlands and ecologically sensitive areas in 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: lkcheng@greenpower.org.hk).

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheng Luk-ki". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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