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Dear Sir/Madam,

Project Profile for Desilting Works at Pui O River

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

1. The proposed desilting works should only be conducted in the dry season (i.e. November to March) to minimize the environmental impacts on the water body of Pui O River. The works should also be suspended during the excessive high tide period and undesirable weather conditions.
2. Meanwhile, not every accumulated silt in the project area has a significant impact on the flow capacity of the Pui O River. The desilting works should only be undertaken at the targeted locations such as the drainage outlets at the river embankments. Unnecessary desilting works should be avoided as far as possible.
3. The piling areas for stockpiling the excavated silt should not be set up at the ecologically sensitive areas, especially the river courses and the nearby natural marshes. Besides, the piling areas should be accessible by the existing roads or footpaths. No new road and footpath, even temporary, should be created for the proposed works.
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. The project proponent should strictly monitor the transportation and disposal of excavated silt. The dump truck should only be allowed to travel on the designated route to and from the piling areas and disposal facilities. We urge the project proponent to introduce real-time tracking device on the dump truck and incorporate deterrent clauses in the works contract to combat any fly-tipping activity.

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 faithfully,

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