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Dear Ms. Tse,

**Project Profile for Ground Investigation Works within Tai Lam Country Park for Route 11
(Section between Yuen Long and North Lantau)**

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

1. The alignments, scale, construction methods and reinstatement plans of any temporary access leading to the proposed work areas should be approved by relevant departments/authorities such as AFCD/Country and Marine Park Board and EPD before commencement of construction. These access and works areas/sites should not affect species of concerns, mature trees, and should not induce soil erosion (because Tai Lam area is badly weathered). The access should also be restricted to implementation of above-captioned works (the Project) only.
2. The Project Proponent should reinstate any temporary access and work sites to avoid long-term ecological and environmental impacts, and soil erosion to the satisfaction of relevant departments such as AFCD, EPD, GEO of CEDD, etc.
3. Felling of trees and unnecessary trimming/pruning of tree branches/canopies should be avoided. No wastewater should be spilled and no machineries should be placed on tree roots.
4. No smoking or fire ignition is allowed to prevent hill fire. Inflammable materials and chemicals/fuel should not be stored in the works areas. Relevant personnel and workers should be notified in this regard before entering the work areas. Suitable fire-fighting equipment should be in place in the work sites.
5. All personnel and workers in the Project should not poach or collect any wildlife or plants in the works areas and in nearby areas.

6. It is not clear whether water is required to facilitate the drilling of vertical boreholes and horizontal directional coring. If so, related environmental impacts and mitigation measures should be supplemented to EPD before commencement of the works. The generated wastewater, with high level of suspended solid or other pollutants (probably lubricating oil or fuel) should be properly treated and should not be discharged to natural streams or catchwaters.
7. Use of cement-bentonite grout should be adequately monitored to avoid pollution of ground water. Dumping of cement or bentonite should be forbidden in the works areas or in vicinity.
8. Any sewage, wastewater and wastes should be removed from the works sites/areas. Wastes, especially food waste, should not be left in the works sites over night to avoid consumption by wildlife. The project proponent should be responsible for removal of any wastes as part of their reinstatement of access and works sites.

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 sincerely,



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