

PRESS STATEMENT

24 October 2018

Interim Report of the Expert Adviser Team on the Shatin to Central Link Project

The MTR Corporation notes that the Government has made public the Interim Report No. 1 submitted by the Expert Adviser Team on the Shatin to Central Link (SCL) Project today (24 October 2018).

With regard to the experts' recommendations on the Hung Hom Station Extension and the verification and testing of the platform slab, the Corporation submitted to the Government a preliminary proposal on 15 October 2018, including the opening up of part of the concrete of the East West Corridor slab. Upon receipt of comments from relevant government departments on 19 October, the Corporation has been following up and making corresponding revisions to the proposal. The Corporation will endeavour to submit a holistic strategy proposal as soon as possible.

With the aim of conducting comprehensive verification to allay the public's concern, the Corporation has taken into account the Expert Adviser Team's preliminary recommendations, including opening up the structure and extending the verification to the North South Corridor platform slab. Corresponding measures will be included in the holistic strategy proposal. Upon the Government's agreement on the proposed measures, the Corporation will commence the verification and testing as soon as possible.

Regarding matters relating to the handling of settlement during construction, MTR Corporation has stringent monitoring and control systems and measures at the design and the actual construction stage to ensure the safety of railway works. The Corporation will work closely with the Government in accordance with the new announcement mechanism established in late September with a view to providing timely information to the public when the monitoring data in relation to relevant structures and facilities have reached the trigger values.

MTR will continue to fully cooperate with the Expert Adviser Team in providing the information required to facilitate its review. The Corporation will continue to take forward the SCL project, and work closely with Government. The safety and the quality of railway projects remain the Corporation's top priorities and will never be compromised.

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