

MTR Welcomes the Commission of Inquiry's conclusion
that the relevant structures at and near the Hung Hom Station Extension are safe

The MTR Corporation notes the release of the final report of the Commission of Inquiry ("The Commission") into the Construction Works at and near the Hung Hom Station Extension under the Shatin to Central Link Project ("SCL") by the Government today. The final report has concluded that the relevant structures at and near the Hung Hom Station Extension are safe and fit for purpose with the completion of the suitable measures, scheduled for mid-2020.

The Corporation notes that the Commission, in its final report, has identified a number of inadequacies in respect of the construction process and made recommendations on the Corporation's project management practices. Based on the Commission's interim report and the recommendations of the review carried out by the Capital Works Committee of the MTR Board aided by an external consultant, the Corporation has been updating and improving a number of its project management practices over the past two years. Many of these have already been incorporated into the Corporation's standard practices. We will seriously consider the findings and recommendations in this report and implement necessary follow-up actions.

Dr Jacob Kam, Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation, said: "We sincerely thank the Commission for its in-depth investigation into the matter and determination that the relevant structures are safe. We note the comments and recommendations made by the Commission. These will be incorporated into our ongoing efforts to improve our project management and quality assurance systems for the delivery of future railway projects that will serve the people of Hong Kong."

"With the release of the final report, we are now very focused on bringing the SCL to completion to serve the public," added Dr Kam.

We are pleased to report the SCL is now 93% complete overall. Over 99% of the works of the Tai Wai to Hung Hom Section (now the Tuen Ma Line ("TML")) have been completed, whilst the Hung Hom to Admiralty Section (East Rail Line extending to Admiralty Station) is 85% complete. With the continued efforts of the Corporation's project team, the opening of the full TML is anticipated to be in 2021. As for the Hung Hom to Admiralty Section, the targeted opening is scheduled for Q1 2022. The Corporation is making every effort to meet the programme.

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The Corporation notes that the Commission also finds that elements of the construction works were not executed in accordance with the contract. These issues will be resolved in accordance with the terms of the relevant contracts.

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MTR has extensive end-to-end railway expertise with more than 40 years of railway projects experience from design to planning and construction through to commissioning, maintenance and operations. Going beyond railway delivery and operation, MTR also creates and manages dynamic communities around its network through seamless integration of rail, commercial and property development.

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