

PILOTAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Progress on the Container Terminal 9 Development Project

Purpose

This paper serves to provide members with a general picture about the progress on the works associated with the construction of the Container Terminal 9 (the Project) that include the dredging at the Kwai Chung basin and in the nearby fairways and the realignment of the Northern Fairway.

Background

2. The details of the Project have previously been presented to the Committee in 1996 (See PAC Paper No. 19/96). Concerns have been raised, that include the general configuration of the future terminal, scale of reclamation, proposed dredging for the Rambler Channel and Northern Fairway, realignment of Northern Fairway and the timely availability of the berths to sustain the economic growth and maintain competitiveness of Hong Kong.

3. The Project commenced on 12 May 2000. The general dredging works and associated reclamation sand filling are composed of the following three areas as shown on the drawing in Appendix A :

- a) Dredging for the Site Area – Only minor dredging works remain in the vicinity of the northernmost seawall and the Chemical Waste Treatment Facility at the southern portion. The reclamation sand filling quantity is approximately 90% completed;
- b) Dredging for the Rambler Channel – dredging is nearly completed except the dredging of hard materials in the vicinity of Terminals 1 and 5; and
- c) Dredging for the deepening and realignment of the Northern Fairway –

the dredging has basically been completed other than the high spots highlighted, that will be removed in July this year. The realignment of the Northern Fairway together with the consequential change to the boundaries of the Western Quarantine Anchorage and the Western Dangerous Goods Anchorage had completed and came into effect on 1 March 2003.

Expected Programme for the Availability of Berths

4. The latest programme showing the expected completion date of the 6 numbers of berths for available in operation is illustrated as below :-

| Location | Expected Completion Date |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Berth 1 | 2 nd quarter 2003 |
| Berth 2 | 1 st quarter 2004 |
| Berth 3 | 3 rd quarter 2004 |
| Berth 4 | 4 th quarter 2004 |
| Berth 5 | 3 rd quarter 2005 |
| Berth 6 | 3 rd quarter 2005 |

Presentation

5. This paper will be presented to members by Mr K L Wong, Senior Marine Officer/Planning & Development (2) of the Marine Department.

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