

Questions on a gas explosion in Discovery Bay
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Question 1 Enquires about whether cause of the incident was involved with human negligence or lack of inspection?

Reply: According to EMSD requirement, ExxonMobil carries out safety checking and leakage testing of the underground piping every two years. The said checking of the system for Parkland Drive was completed on 28 December 2015 with normal status reported.

Annual safety checking was carried out by us for Parkland Drive in June 2016. According to our record, visual checks of service riser performed for units 5A and 5B at No.28 Parkland Drive on 23 June 2016 with normal status reported.

We did not receive any gas leakage report in the area or with no gas piping in and out testing and checking work were undergoing before the incident happened in Parkland Drive.

Therefore refer to Question 1, human negligence or lack of inspection shall be excluded for the cause of the incident.

Question 3 According to the DB Management Service Co Ltd, contractor promised to carry out corrosion preventing project for the pipeline, whether the related project has been completed?

Reply: According to our record, partial LPG piping at No.5 Parkland Drive has carried the repairing and follow-up improvement works immediately after the incident. At the same time, HKR and ExxonMobil has arranged LPG piping improvement project for blocks in Parkland Drive from 15 December 2016 and the project is expected to be completed by the end of December 2016.

We are very sorry for not able to present in the meeting and hope the above information is sufficient for the enquiries.

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