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Proposed Gazetting under the Foreshore and Sea-bed (Reclamations) Ordinance (Cap. 127)

Asia Link Cable – Hong Kong Bundle (ALC-HK Cable Bundle) from Chung Hom Kok to the Eastern Boundary of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

Purpose

1. This paper briefs Members and seeks their views on the proposed installation of a new optical-fibre submarine telecommunications cable system, the Asia Link Cable – Hong Kong Bundle ("ALC-HK Cable Bundle"), before gazettal under the Foreshore and Sea-bed (Reclamations) Ordinance (Cap. 127) (the "Ordinance").

Background

- 2. The proposed Asia Link Cable System ("ALC") involves the construction of a submarine optical-fibre cable connecting Hong Kong and Singapore as its trunk, with branches into the Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia, Vietnam and Hainan in China.
- 3. To allow further capacity into Hong Kong in the future without laying additional cables, two other 44.2mm diameter cables will be bundled with ALC Hong Kong segment ("ALC-HK"), collectively form the ALC-HK Cable Bundle. China Telecom Global Limited ("CTG") is the landing party in Hong Kong.
- 4. The cable bundle within Hong Kong waters is approximately 36.8 kilometres in length and 130 millimetres in diameter. An area of 1.84 hectares on the existing foreshore and sea-bed would be affected by the project (hereinafter referred to as the "Reclamation Scheme"). The Reclamation Scheme is shown in Figure 1 at Annex to this paper.
- 5. Lands Department is now processing the gazettal of the Reclamation Scheme and the application for the Licence for laying the proposed ALC-HK Cable Bundle. Gazette document and proposed licence agreement have been circulated to relevant Government Department (including Office of the Communications Authority, Environmental Protection Department, Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, Marine Department and Civil Engineering and Development Department) and no adverse comment is received. CTG is required to obtain the approval for the Reclamation Scheme in accordance with the Ordinance before the Licence application is granted. If Members have no objection to the proposed ALC-HK Cable Bundle, the Reclamation Scheme will be gazetted for public inspection in accordance with the Ordinance.
- 6. During processing the proposed ALC-HK Cable Bundle licence application, local consultation was conducted and no adverse comment was received.
- 7. For details of the ALC-HK Cable Bundle, please refer to the Information Sheet prepared by EnviroSolutions & Consulting Limited (CTG's consultant) at Annex.

Advice Sought

8. Members are invited to note the contents for the proposed ALC-HK Cable Bundle. If Members have any comments on the above proposals, please reply on or before 30 May 2025. For any enquiries on the details of the proposed ALC-HK Cable Bundle and the Reclamation Scheme,

please contact Mr. Ivan WONG, Estate Surveyor/Stanley of the District Lands Office, Hong Kong West and South (Tel. No.: 2835 2408).

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