

Hong Kong Offshore LNG Terminal Project

Second Meeting for the Management Committee of the Marine Conservation Enhancement Fund (MCEF-MC)

Meeting Notes

Date: 15 March 2021 (Mon) 14:00

Present (MCEF-MC Members):

- Prof Nora TAM, Chairperson (Emeritus Professor, Department of Chemistry, City University of Hong Kong)
- Dr CHENG Luk-ki (Director, Green Power)
- Prof HO Kin-chung (Founding Chairman, Polar Research Institute of Hong Kong)
- Ms Linda HO (Chief Executive Officer, Green Council)
- Mr Edwin LAU (Founder and Executive Director, The Green Earth)
- Prof Joe SY LEE (Professor, School of Life Sciences and Earth System Science, Chinese University of Hong Kong)
- Dr Helen CHIU (Senior Environmental Manager, CLP Power Hong Kong Limited (CLP))
- Mr Norman CHAN (Head of Mechanical Engineering, Projects Division, The Hongkong Electric Company, Limited (HK Electric))

Absent with Apologies:

- Dr CHEUNG Siu-gin (Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, City University of Hong Kong)

Secretariat:

- Mr James MA (Environmental Manager, CLP)
- Ms Natalie NG (Environmental Regulatory Advisor, CLP)
- Ms Sheila CHOW (Assistant Environmental Officer, CLP)
- Mr Johnny KWONG (Chief Mechanical Engineer, Projects Division, HK Electric)
- Mr. Eric KWAN (Project Engineer, Projects Division, HK Electric)
- Dr Jasmine NG (ERM-Hong Kong, Limited (ERM))
- Mr Raymond CHOW (ERM)
- Ms Rebecca CHONG (ERM)

1. Agenda Item 1 – Matters arising from Last Meeting

- 1.1. Representative of the Secretariat reported the meeting minutes of the Inaugural Meeting held on 28 July 2020 had been circulated and agreed by the Members. There was no outstanding item or matter arising from the last meeting.

2. Agenda Item 2 – Application Assessment

- 2.1. Representative of the Secretariat provided a brief summary to the Members on the timeline and number of applications received, as well as funding duplication check for the Year 2020/21 Round 1 Marine Conservation Enhancement Fund (MCEF) Application.
- 2.2. Representative of the Secretariat presented key items to facilitate Members' discussion of applications for funding recommendation and the payment terms and conditions, including potential funding duplication, partial funding agreeable to applicants, and COVID-19 outbreak implications.
- 2.3. The Members discussed the approach for discussing each application.
- 2.4. The Chairperson reminded the Members to refrain from discussion on applications with conflict of interest. When discussing each of the applications, assessors were encouraged to voice out particular comments they might have on the applications, including content of the applications, experience of the applicant's team, merits or de-merits, etc. for Members' discussion and consideration.
- 2.5. Representative of the Secretariat briefed Members on the applications and the Members without conflict of interest discussed the applications and recommended applications for funding based on the assessment results and other key considerations. The Members discussed and agreed that assessors' comments would be provided to the unsuccessful applicants for reference.

3. Agenda Item 3 – Anticipated Timeline of Upcoming Activities and Tentative Schedule of Next meeting

- 3.1 Representative of the Secretariat briefed Members on the timeline of upcoming activities for funding award, funding theme and the next funding cycle. Steering Committee meeting would be held in April 2021 for approval of MCEF-MC's recommended applications. The Secretariat would prepare funding agreement including payment schedule and terms and conditions for agreement with successful applicants in April 2021.
- 3.2 The Chairperson briefed Members on the three funding themes for MCEF and asked whether a specific funding theme should be determined for Year 2020-21 Round 2 MCEF Application. The Chairperson suggested and the Members agreed that the three funding themes would be kept for initial years of application.
- 3.3 To allow sufficient time for the unsuccessful applicants to consider and apply for the

next round of MCEF application, the Chairperson suggested and the Members agreed that the next round of MCEF application would be open between mid-April and mid-June 2021.

4. Agenda Item 4 – AOB

- 4.1. There was no other business for the meeting. The next meeting would be scheduled in September 2021 to review fund operation and discuss Year 2020-21 Round 2 MCEF Application for funding recommendation.

The meeting was adjourned at 17:20.