

## Hong Kong Offshore LNG Terminal Project

### Inaugural cum First Meeting for the Management Committee of the Marine Conservation Enhancement Fund (MCEF-MC)

#### Meeting Notes

Date: 28 July 2020 (Tue) 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)
- Dr CHEUNG Siu-gin (Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, City University of Hong Kong)
- 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 (Chief Mechanical Engineer, Projects Division, The Hongkong Electric Company, Limited (HK Electric))

#### Apologies: Not applicable

#### In Attendance (CLP and HK Electric Representatives):

- Dr Daman LEE (Director (Project Development), CLP)
- Mr Y L KWAN (Deputy General Manager (Projects), HK Electric)
- Mr T Y IP (Head of Environmental Affairs, Corporate Development Division, HK Electric)

#### Secretariat:

- Ms Natalie NG (Environmental Regulatory Advisor, CLP)
- Mr Eric KWAN (Project Engineer, Projects Division, HK Electric)
- Dr Jasmine NG (ERM-Hong Kong, Limited (ERM))
- Mr Raymond CHOW (ERM)
- Mr Gomen SEE (ERM)

**1. Agenda Item 1 – Project Briefing and Background to the Funds**

- 1.1. The Chairperson welcomed all Members to the inaugural cum first meeting for the Management Committee (MC) of the Marine Conservation Enhancement Fund (MCEF).
- 1.2. Representative of CLP Power Hong Kong Limited welcomed all Members and briefly introduced the Hong Kong Offshore LNG Terminal Project and the background of the environmental enhancement funds.
- 1.3. Representative of The Hongkong Electric Company, Limited welcomed all Members, highlighted the importance of Project to support the increased use of natural gas for power generation in Hong Kong, and provide a viable additional gas supply option that would provide energy security through access to competitive gas supplies from world markets.
- 1.4. Representative of the Secretariat briefed Members on the background to the Funds, scope of funding, financing of the Funds, proposed management structure, membership list of the Committees and the implementation schedule of the Environmental Enhancement Plan.

**2. Agenda Item 2 – Adoption of the Terms of Reference**

- 2.1. Representative of the Secretariat briefed Members on the Terms of Reference for the MCEF-MC, as well as the meeting arrangement and line of communication.
- 2.2. A Member queried if the Environmental Enhancement Plan would be shared with Members for reference. Representative of the Secretariat mentioned that the Environmental Enhancement Plan would be shared with Members upon acceptance by EPD.
- 2.3. A Member asked if the performance of the funds had to be compared with the baseline conditions. Representative of the Secretariat responded that the environmental enhancement funds were to provide opportunity to enhance the marine environment of southern and western Hong Kong waters for the benefit of its biodiversity and the community and it was not intended to address or mitigate the potential impacts of the Hong Kong Offshore LNG Terminal Project.
- 2.4. A Member queried if the project application had to be relevant to the LNG Terminal. Representative of the Secretariat explained that the project application should normally be within southern and western Hong Kong waters in the vicinity of the Hong Kong Offshore LNG Terminal. Another Member queried the definition of southern and western Hong Kong waters. The Member suggested adopting a clear definition about the geographical boundary to avoid confusion. Representative of the Secretariat added that an indicative geographical boundary had been presented in the Environmental Enhancement Plan based on the boundaries of the water control zones in Hong Kong. All Members agreed to adopt the indicative geographical boundary as presented in the Environmental Enhancement Plan.
- 2.5. The Chairperson concluded that there was no further comment on the Terms of Reference and the MCEF-MC agreed to adopt the Terms of Reference.

**3. Agenda Item 3 – Adoption of the Code of Conduct**

- 3.1. Representative of the Secretariat briefed Members on the Code of Conduct for the MCEF-MC.
- 3.2. The Chairperson concluded that there was no comment on the Code of Conduct and the MCEF-MC agreed to adopt the Code of Conduct.

**4. Agenda Item 4 – Discussion and Agreement on the Operation Guidelines**

- 4.1. Representative of the Secretariat briefed Members on the Operation Guidelines for the MCEF-MC.
- 4.2. The Chairperson led the discussion on the details of fund operation, including annual budget, appointment of external assessor, assessment criteria, assessor's comments to unsuccessful applicants, number of concurrent projects for each project leader.
- 4.3. The Chairperson concluded that the Secretariat would revise the Operation Guidelines considering Members' feedback and would send the revised documents to Members.

**5. Agenda Item 5 – Discussion and Agreement on the Application Form**

- 5.1. Representative of the Secretariat briefed Members on the Application Form for the MCEF.
- 5.2. The Chairperson led the discussion on the required details of the application form.
- 5.3. The Chairperson concluded that the Secretariat would revise the Application Form considering Members' feedback and would send the revised documents to Members.

**6. Agenda Item 6 – Discussion and Agreement on the Guidance Note for Applicants**

- 6.1. Representative of the Secretariat briefed Members on the Guidance Note for MCEF applicants.
- 6.2. The Chairperson led the discussion on the payment schedule, reference levels for support of expenses, requirements for preparation of statement of accounts.
- 6.3. The Chairperson concluded that the Secretariat would revise the Guidance Note considering Members' feedback and would send the revised documents to Members.

**7. Agenda Item 7 – Discussion and Agreement on the Funding Theme**

- 7.1. Representative of the Secretariat briefed Members on the funding themes for the MCEF.
- 7.2. The Chairperson led the discussion on the funding themes for the upcoming MCEF application. All Members agreed to allow flexibility for applicant to propose other relevant funding themes for the enhancement of marine environment.
- 7.3. The Chairperson concluded that the Secretariat would incorporate Member's feedback for the funding themes and would send the revised documents to Members.

**8. AOB**

- 8.1. Representative of CLP Power Hong Kong Limited mentioned that the Fund would be open for application in September 2020 and promotion would be conducted in due course.
- 8.2. The Chairperson led the discussion on the methods for fund promotion for consideration by CLP and HK Electric.

The meeting was adjourned at 17:00.