

Railways Ordinance (Chapter 519)

Scheme annexed to Plan No. LAR2/P/00/CIP/P02/001 describing Mass Transit Railway Lantau and Airport Railway Phase II Hong Kong Station Extended Overrun Tunnels

General Nature and Effects of the Scheme

The Secretary for Transport proposes to construct the Mass Transit Railway Lantau and Airport Railway Phase II Hong Kong Station Extended Overrun Tunnels as described below and shown on Plan No. LAR2/P/00/CIP/P02/001 (the "Plan").

The tunnels are required to facilitate improved service objectives, while maintaining safe operation, necessary to accommodate projected increases in patronage for the Lantau and Airport Railway. The construction of the tunnels involves the following works :

- (a) construction of four cut-and-cover tunnels, including railway trackworks, each of approximately 500m long as shown on the Plan; and
- (b) ancillary works including construction of three ventilation shafts and one access shaft at the east end of the tunnels.

Roads to be Closed or Substantially Altered

For the purposes of or incidental to the scheme, the Secretary for Transport proposes that powers under section 22 of the Ordinance may be exercised to authorize the closure or the substantial alteration of the roads or any part thereof, either permanently or temporarily, as shown on the Plan, and to declare that, or the extent to which and the time at, or duration for which any public or private right in, upon, under or over the roads is extinguished, modified or restricted. Further notice setting out the manner in which such roads are to be closed or substantially altered will be issued under section 23 of the Ordinance as and when required.

Inspection and Preventive and Remedial Works on Land and Buildings

For the purposes of or incidental to the scheme, the Secretary for Transport proposes that powers under section 24 of the Ordinance may be exercised to enter any land or building situated wholly or partly within the

boundaries of the scheme, or wholly or partly within 70 metres of the boundaries of the scheme to :-

- (a) (i) inspect, value, investigate the site or test, including drilling, excavating and installing or removing instruments;
- (ii) survey or take levels; and
- (iii) set out any line of works,

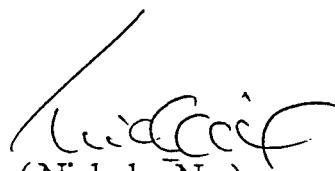
for the scheme, an assessment of the value of any land, building or other property or to ascertain the condition of the land or building; and

- (b) carry out all reasonably necessary operations of a preventive or remedial nature.

Further notice setting out the purpose of the entry and the nature of the operations to be carried out will be issued under section 24 of the Ordinance as and when required.

Utility Services

For the purposes of the scheme, the Secretary for Transport proposes that powers under section 25 of the Ordinance may be exercised to require the owner of any gas, electricity, water or telecommunication service apparatus situated on any unleased Government land to alter the course or position of any wire, line, cable, pipe, tube, casing, duct, post or other apparatus which belongs to, or is maintained by that owner and to repair any road surface disturbed by the action. Further notice setting out the nature of the apparatus, the manner in which the course or position of such apparatus is to be altered and the repair of any road surface will be issued under section 25 of the Ordinance as and when required.



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