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Dear Ms LO

**Views from The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers
Regarding the Proposed Amendment to
the Noise Standards in the Noise Control (Air Compressors) Regulations
and the Noise Control (Hand Held Percussive Breakers) Regulations**

On behalf of the Institution, I am pleased to present to you our views and suggestions as set out in the enclosure for your consideration on the captioned subject.

The Institution welcomes the opportunity to work with the Government and offer our expertise and experience on the area of concern if and when it is needed.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely



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Enclosure

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In response to the Environmental Protection Department's ("EPD") proposed revision to the noise standards contained in the Schedules to the Noise Control (Air Compressors) Regulations (Cap. 400C) and the Noise Control (Hand Held Percussive Breakers) Regulations (Cap. 400D) ("Regulations"), The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers ("HKIE") would like to offer the following views and suggestions for the EPD's consideration:

2. The HKIE welcomes the proposal to amend the Regulations to tighten the noise emission standards taking into consideration the noise emission level of the available quieter equipment options in Hong Kong, in order to reduce construction noise in the long run.
3. With reference to the proposed amendment to the certifying body of the report for Noise Emission Label ("NEL") application, the HKIE supports the view to allow competent local professionals, including corporate members and professional members of certain institutes as well as registered professional engineers in the building services, environmental or mechanical disciplines under the Engineers Registration Ordinance (Cap. 409), to conduct the relevant noise testing for certification.
4. One point to note is that Hong Kong Institute of Acoustics ("HKIOA") is one of the Institutional Partners ("IPs")¹ of Hong Kong Institute of Qualified Environmental Professionals Limited ("HKIQEP"). The Institution suggests the EPD to further consider whether it is necessary to include other professionals/ institutes not related to noise/acoustics and engineering under HKIQEP on the list.

¹ The five IPs of HKIQEP are Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management Hong Kong; Environmental Management Association of Hong Kong; Hong Kong Institute of Acoustics; Hong Kong Institute of Environmental Impact Assessment; and Hong Kong Institute of Environmental Protection Officers. <https://hkiqep.org/>