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[Attn: Ms Vivian LAU]

Dear Ms LAU

Noise Control Ordinance Construction Noise Permits and Noise Emission Labels

Thank you for your letter of 5 February 2016 inviting the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE) to put forth our views on the captioned subject.

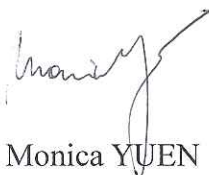
The HKIE generally supports the Environmental Protection Department (EPD)'s proposal of amending the fees to achieve full cost recovery in one-go, in response to the comments from the Legislative Council Panel on Environmental Affairs. To lessen the administrative burden on EPD and the applicants, it is suggested to consider extending the maximum validity period of each Construction Noise Permit (CNP) from six months to one year where appropriate.

The HKIE also welcomes EPD's further improvement and enhancement of the existing online application system for CNPs and Noise Emission Label (NEL), as it helps facilitate quicker and easier online application, which would also enable EPD to process applications efficiently. Also, promoting the use of on-line application can help reduce paper consumption.

Meanwhile, it is hoped that relevant training workshops will be held in the near future to promote and facilitate the public in using the online application system.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours sincerely



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