

1 Introduction

To enhance communication with the community in a proactive way, Keppel Seghers – Zhen Hua Joint Venture (KSZHJV) set up Community Liaison Group (CLG) in 2018. The CLG shall comprise members from KSZHJV, Shek Kwu Chau Treatment & Rehabilitation Centre, The Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation Drug Abusers, Cheung Chau Rural Committee, Fishery Sector, South Lantau Rural Committee, Representatives of Indigenous inhabitant, Island District Council and Island District Association. The KSZHJV leverages on the CLG to exchange views with the community on the latest project developments. In addition, the CLG is also a platform for the KSZHJV to update the community leaders and listen to their views on various topics related to Integrated Waste Management Facilities, Phase 1 including the environmental issues.

2 Term of Reference

2.1. Formation Background

Hong Kong is facing a serious and imminent waste problem. Despite Environmental Protection Department (EPD)'s efforts and progress made in waste reduction and recycling, there remains substantial unavoidable waste that needs to be disposed of properly. EPD's three strategic landfills would approach their capacities one by one in the early to mid 2010s. To address the waste problem in a holistic manner, the Administration published A Policy Framework for the Management of Municipal Waste (2005-2014) (The Policy Framework) in December 2005. The Framework sets out a comprehensive waste management strategy that encompasses initiatives on waste avoidance at source, waste recovery and recycling and bulk reduction of waste.

This Project comprises the design, construction and operation of the first phase of Integrated Waste Management Facilities which would have a maximum treatment capacity for 3,000 tonnes per day (tpd) of mixed municipal solid waste (MSW). It would comprise (a) an advanced thermal incineration plant with design capacity of 3,000 tonnes per day (tpd) and (b) a mechanical sorting and recycling plant with design capacity of 200 tpd. This project would reduce the volume of MSW requiring landfill disposal substantially, recover energy for electricity generation and recover recyclable materials from the mixed MSW.

2.2. Objectives

KSZHJV provides the relevant information of the Project including the detailed design, the progress of construction and operation and environmental monitoring and audit

results to the CLG members:

2.2.1 Enhancing transparency and communication with the public, as well as enquiries and complaints handling on all environmental issues related to the Integrated Waste Management Facilities Project; and

2.2.2 Promoting community cooperation and participation and implementation of suitable local environmental enhancement works that are included in the relevant Environmental Permit.

2.3. Composition

2.3.1 The Chairman of the CLG shall be an Assistant Director of EPD or his/her delegate. The Vice Chairman shall be the Project Manager of KSZHJV.

2.3.2 The Secretary of the CLG shall be a Senior Environmental Protection Officer of EPD.

2.3.3 Other members of CLG shall comprise of community leaders including representatives from Shek Kwu Chau Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre, The Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation Drug Abusers, Cheung Chau Rural Committee, Fishery Sector, South Lantau Rural Committee, Representatives of Indigenous inhabitant, Island District Council, Island District Association, etc. All members shall be invited to join the CLG on an individual basis by EPD.

2.4. Meetings

2.4.1 CLG will meet at least twice a year; additional meeting(s) may be requested by the Chairman/ Vice Chairman as and when necessary.

2.4.2 The agenda of each meeting shall be determined by the Chairman/ Vice Chairman. CLG members are encouraged to propose topics for discussion in writing.

2.4.3 Full meeting minutes and follow-up actions, if any, taken by the CLG pursuant to such meeting shall be recorded and kept by the Secretary.

2.4.4 The Chairman/ Vice Chairman may invite any relevant party to attend CLG meetings as and when necessary and appropriate.

2.4.5 The minutes of CLG meetings and all papers and documents shall be made available to the public through a website.

2.5. Remuneration

Work and services performed for the CLG by its members shall be on a voluntary basis. No remuneration of any form shall be made to members for their service, attendance at meetings, site visits and/ or participation in activities of the CLG.

2.6. Term of Service

Each member shall be appointed to serve the CLG for a term of three years or as specified and may be re-appointed. All members shall attend at least one meeting a year.

2.7. Resignation

Members may resign from the CLG of their own accord by giving a notice to the Secretary in writing.

2.8. Finance

All expenses incurred by the CLG in relation to its operation are to be borne by KSZHJV.

2.9. Amendments to Terms of Reference

Amendments to the Terms of Reference shall be submitted to the Chairman/ Vice Chairman and members of the Group for review via the Secretary and come into effect upon approval given at the CLG meeting.