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LEASE FOR BIG NEW FACTORY SITE AT
TUEN MUN SIGNED BY OVERSEAS COMPANY

THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE WORLDWIDE SUBLISTATIC GROUP OF COMPANIES, MR. GEORGES DRIZENKO, TODAY (TUESDAY) SIGNED A LEASE FOR A 92,600 SQ. FT. INDUSTRIAL SITE AT TUEN MUN NEW TOWN, WHICH THE COMPANY HAS PURCHASED FROM THE GOVERNMENT TO BUILD A FACTORY TO PRODUCE HEAT TRANSFER PAPER FOR PRINTING FABRICS.

THE GOVERNMENT WAS REPRESENTED AT TODAY'S CEREMONY IN THE COLONIAL SECRETARIAT BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, MR. ROY PORTER, AND MR. J.D. JOHNSTON, GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT, NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION. THREE OTHER DIRECTORS OF SUBLISTATIC WERE ALSO PRESENT.

THE COMPANY HAS BEEN SELLING ITS PRODUCTS IN THE FAR EAST FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND HAS BEEN SO SUCCESSFUL THAT IT DECIDED TO MANUFACTURE HERE.

PHASE I OF THE COMPANY'S OPERATION WILL INCLUDE COMPLETION OF A FACTORY AND ADMINISTRATION AREA TOTALLING 70,000 SQ. FT., WITH PRODUCTION DUE TO COMMENCE IN EARLY OCTOBER. PILING WORK ON THE SITE HAS ALREADY BEGUN.

THE COMPANY STARTED LOOKING FOR A FACTORY SITE LAST OCTOBER AND EVENTUALLY PURCHASED LAND, BY PRIVATE TREATY GRANT UNDER GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF ATTRACTING NEW TECHNOLOGY TO HONG KONG, AT TUEN MUN NEW TOWN'S INDUSTRIAL AREA FOR \$50 PER SQ. FT. THE PREMIUM IS PAYABLE OVER TEN YEARS AT TEN PER CENT INTEREST. SUBLISTATIC'S INITIAL INVESTMENT IS IN EXCESS OF \$50 MILLION.

THE WORK FORCE AT TUEN MUN WILL BE ABOUT 300 TO BEGIN WITH AND WILL GROW TO 500-PLUS ON COMPLETION OF STAGE II OF THE OPERATION, WHICH IS DUE TO GET UNDER WAY IN THREE TO FOUR YEARS FROM NOW. TUEN MUN IS INCREASINGLY ATTRACTING THE ATTENTION OF INDUSTRIALISTS WISHING TO SET UP FACTORIES HERE, LARGELY BECAUSE OF THE PRESENT COMPARATIVELY LOW COST OF LAND THERE.

MR. ERIC ZURCHER, THE COMPANY'S FAR EAST GENERAL CONTROLLER, PRAISED WHAT HE TERMED +THE TREMENDOUS HELP+ HE HAS RECEIVED FROM BOTH THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT AND ESTATE STAFF OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, TUEN MUN.

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TIMELY NEW MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR TEXTILE PRINTING PLANT
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THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. ROY PORTER, SAID TODAY THAT THE DECISION BY SUBLIPRINT FAR EAST LIMITED TO SET UP A \$50 MILLION FACTORY IN HONG KONG TO MANUFACTURE HEAT TRANSFER PRINTING PAPER FOR THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY WAS BOTH WELCOME AND TIMELY.

HE SAID THAT IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY TO HONG KONG'S ECONOMY, THERE WAS A CONSTANT NEED TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF SERVICES TO THE INDUSTRY IF HONG KONG WAS TO MAINTAIN ITS COMPETITIVE POSITION IN WORLD MARKETS. THIS PLANT WILL ENABLE LOCAL TEXTILE MANUFACTURERS TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE STANDARD OF THEIR PRODUCTS.

MR. PORTER WAS SPEAKING AT THE SIGNING OF THE LEASE FOR A 92,600 SQ. FT. SITE AT TUEN MUN NEW TOWN FOR THE FACTORY.

SUBLIPRINT IS A SUBSIDIARY OF SUBLISTATIC S.A., OF SWITZERLAND, WHICH COMMANDS MORE THAN 60 PER CENT OF THE WORLD'S TEXTILE TRANSFER PRINTING MARKET.

MR. PORTER SAID THAT DISCUSSIONS WERE GOING ON WITH SEVERAL OTHER COMPANIES WHICH ARE INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING HIGH TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRIES IN HONG KONG= +AND IN MAY THIS YEAR,+ HE ADDED, +I WILL BE GOING TO SWITZERLAND AND GERMANY, TO TELL INDUSTRIALISTS ABOUT INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES HERE.+

HE EXPLAINED THAT HIGH TECHNOLOGY, RELATIVELY HEAVY INDUSTRIES CAN BUY LAND FROM THE GOVERNMENT BY PRIVATE TREATY.

THE HEAT TRANSFER PRINTING PROCESS IS PARTICULARLY SUITABLE FOR KNITWEAR FABRICS. IT INVOLVES EXTREMELY HIGH PRECISION PRINTING OF PATTERNS AND DESIGNS ON TO SPECIAL PAPER WITH SUBLIMATE DYES, WHICH ARE TRANSFERRED TO FABRIC WHEN THE PAPER IS IN CONTACT AND HEATED. IT IS A NEW INDUSTRIAL PROCESS TO HONG KONG AND INTRODUCES VERY HIGH TECHNOLOGY, MR. PORTER POINTED OUT.

HE SAID THAT THE FACTORY WOULD EMPLOY MORE THAN 300 LOCAL SKILLED WORKERS INITIALLY, AND THAT SOME OF THEM WOULD BE TRAINED IN EUROPE. THE WORK FORCE WILL EXPAND TO OVER 500 WHEN THE FACTORY IS IN FULL PRODUCTION SOME TIME IN 1979.

THE COMPANY HOPES TO START ITS FIRST PHASE OF PRODUCTION BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR TO CATER FOR THE 1977 DESIGNS. WHEN IN FULL PRODUCTION THE FACTORY WILL PRODUCE MORE THAN 80 MILLION SQUARE METRES OF PAPER A YEAR.

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SHA TIN NEW TOWN EXHIBITION OPENS ON SATURDAY

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL STAGE AN EXHIBITION FROM MARCH 13 TO 18 SHOWING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR SHA TIN NEW TOWN NOW UNDERWAY.

THE EXHIBITION, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND TO BE SPONSORED BY THE P.W.D., WILL BE HELD IN THE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX OF LEK YUEN ESTATE IN SHA TIN AND WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BETWEEN 10 A.M. AND 7 P.M. EACH DAY.

IT IS LOCATED NEXT TO THE LEK YUEN BUS TERMINAL AND IS A FEW MINUTES' WALK ACROSS FROM THE SHA TIN RAILWAY STATION.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED AT 11 A.M. THIS SATURDAY BY MR. NG CHAN-LAM, CHAIRMAN OF THE SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE, AFTER AN INTRODUCTORY SPEECH BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR. DAVID MCDONALD.

THE AIM OF THE EXHIBITION -- PRESENTED BY THE P.W.D.'S NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT -- IS TO GIVE THE PUBLIC A CLEAR VIEW OF THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN WHICH WILL PROVIDE NEW HOMES AND GOOD LOCAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOME 500,000 PEOPLE IN A COMPLETE AND PLEASANT LIVING ENVIRONMENT.

THE EXHIBITION WILL TRACE THE EVOLUTION OF THE NEW TOWN -- FROM ITS PLANNING STAGE, THROUGH THE VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION STAGES UP TO ITS COMPLETION.

IT WILL FEATURE A SERIES OF MODELS, SKETCH PLANS, PHOTOGRAPHS, SLIDES AND MAPS OUTLINING THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT OF SHA TIN VALLEY, ITS GENERAL LAND USE, PROPOSED LEISURE AREAS, ROAD NETWORKS AND THE SETTING FOR A MODERN TOWN CENTRE -- THE CITY'S CULTURAL AND COMMERCIAL HEART.

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE USED TO ILLUSTRATE THE CHANGES IN THE FACE OF THE VALLEY OVER THE LAST DECADE, AND THE VARIOUS FACETS OF THE NEW TOWN WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED BY A SLIDE SHOW.

VISITORS WILL ALSO SEE THE PROVISIONS BEING MADE FOR CONSERVATION AND RECREATION, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE TRANSPORT WITHIN THE NEW TOWN, AND ROAD AND RAIL LINKS WITH THE REST OF HONG KONG.

GOVERNMENT SPENDING ON THE NEW TOWN WILL TOTAL MORE THAN \$4,000 MILLION, AND WILL BE MATCHED BY PRIVATE INVESTMENT.

NOTE TO EDITORS :

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE OCCASION. A SPECIAL PRESS BRIEFING ON THE PROJECT WILL BE GIVEN BY MR. ALAN CROSBY, CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER, AND MR. GEORGE CHIEN, CHIEF ENGINEER, AT 9.30 A.M. ON SATURDAY (MARCH 13) AT SHA TIN HEIGHTS HOTEL, PRIOR TO THE OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY.

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OFFICIAL TRANSPORT (BUS AM5005) WILL LEAVE MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, AT 9 A.M. SHARP TO TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO SHA TIN AND BACK. MR. CROSBY AND MR. CHIEN WILL ALSO BE ON THE BUS TO POINT OUT AND EXPLAIN THE VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTS ALONG THE WAY.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO MAKE USE OF THE TRANSPORT FACILITY ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT MURRAY BUILDING CARPARK BY 8.45 A.M. ON SATURDAY. THOSE MAKING THEIR OWN TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS MAY JOIN THE MAIN PRESS PARTY FOR THE BRIEFING AT SHA TIN HEIGHTS HOTEL BY 9.20 A.M. AT THE HOTEL.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING THE PRESS ARRANGEMENTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE P.W.D. PUBLICITY UNIT, MURRAY BUILDING, TELEPHONES 5-262527 OR 5-251111 EXT. 2116 OR 2701.

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DEATH SENTENCES COMMUTED
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THE GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCES PASSED ON FOUR MEN LAST YEAR SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

LAW SHUN-WAN AND HUNG KWAI-LAN, WHO WERE FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF SIN TUNG, WERE SENTENCED TO DEATH ON JULY 11, 1975 WHILE CHUNG TAK-FAI AND LAI KIM-HUNG, WHO WERE FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF LAM KO-SHING, WERE GIVEN THE DEATH SENTENCE ON AUGUST 7, 1975.

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'LUCKY' CAR NUMBERS FOR SALE
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MOTORISTS WILL HAVE THE CHANCE OF BUYING +SPECIAL+ NUMBERS FOR THEIR CARS AT THE WEEKEND WHILE AT THE SAME TIME HELPING LOCAL CHARITIES.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ITS 28TH AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY (MARCH 13). THE AUCTION WILL BEGIN AT 10 A.M. IN THE LECTURE ROOM (NORTH) OF THE CITY HALL HIGH BLOCK.

A TOTAL OF 15 NUMBERS WILL BE OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC. THEY ARE:

AP 800	AD 666	BJ 1	AC 383	AE 1000
BG 55	AF 8	AB 73	AH 11	AE 18
AS 2222	BE 7777	AK 23	AB 1188	AF 3300

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY IN CASH OR BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CLOSE OF BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL AS USUAL GO INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND IN KOWLOON WILL BE INTERRUPTED FROM 1 A.M. TO 6 A.M. ON FRIDAY (MARCH 12) TO ENABLE THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT LEAKAGE TESTS.

ON THE ISLAND, THE PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE ON QUEENSWAY, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL TO ICE HOUSE STREET, MURRAY ROAD, LAMBETH PATH, AND HARCOURT ROAD TO ARSENAL STREET, AND INCLUDE FENWICK STREET PIER AND THE ANNE BLACK HONG KONG RED CROSS HEADQUARTERS.

IN KOWLOON, THE PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE IN SHAM SHUI PO AND ARE BOUNDED BY CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, NAM CHEONG STREET, LAI CHI KOK ROAD, BOUNDARY STREET AND POPLAR STREET.

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SCHOOL CHILDREN FLOWER GROWING COMPETITION CHAMPION
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A RURAL PRIMARY SCHOOL HAS BECOME THIS YEAR'S SECTION CHAMPION OF THE NINTH ANNUAL URBAN COUNCIL FLOWER SHOW.

THE GRENHAM CUP AND A \$100 CASH PRIZE ARE TO BE AWARDED TO TSUNG HIM SCHOOL WHICH ALSO CAPTURED THE \$50 FIRST PRIZE FOR ENTRIES SUBMITTED BY RURAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

THE SECOND PRIZE OF \$30 GOES TO LEUNG TIN VILLAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL WHILE THE \$20 THIRD PRIZE HAS BEEN WON BY FUNG KAI PUBLIC SCHOOL.

FIFTEEN OTHER RURAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS ARE HIGHLY COMMENDED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE JUDGING PANEL WHO VISITED 56 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS EARLIER THIS MONTH.

THE \$50 FIRST PRIZE FOR ENTRIES SUBMITTED BY URBAN PRIMARY SCHOOLS GOES TO TUNG KOON DISTRICT SOCIETY FONG SHU CHUEN SCHOOL, THE SECOND PRIZE OF \$30 TO KWONG YUET TONG LO PUN PRIMARY SCHOOL AND THE \$20 THIRD PRIZE TO TAI KOO CHINESE SCHOOL.

EIGHT OTHER URBAN PRIMARY SCHOOLS ARE HIGHLY COMMENDED FOR THEIR ENTRIES IN THE SCHOOL CHILDREN FLOWER GROWING COMPETITION 1976, ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE URBAN COUNCIL FLOWER SHOW.

A SPECIAL PRIZE FOR THE MOST DISTINGUISHED GARDEN PLAN AND FOR OUTSTANDING EFFORT IS AWARDED TO LEUNG TIN VILLAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL. THIS PRIZE IS GIVEN BY THE JUDGING PANEL.

MRS. PETER C.K. CHAN, WIFE OF THE URBAN COUNCILLOR, WILL DISTRIBUTE PRIZES TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WINNING SCHOOLS AT 5.30 P.M. ON FRIDAY IN THE EXHIBITION HALL, LOW BLOCK, CITY HALL.

NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY.

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