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PROPOSALS ON NEW TOWN PLANNING SYSTEM AVAILABLE SOON

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THE GOVERNMENT IS ACTIVELY CONSIDERING IN DETAIL PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT ON THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COMPENSATION AND BETTERMENT (SCCB), WITH A VIEW TO FINALISING THE PROPOSALS ON THE NEW TOWN PLANNING SYSTEM FOR SUBMISSION TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN MID-1992.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT WAS PUBLISHED BY THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS BRANCH FOR PUBLIC COMMENT LAST JULY.

AS PART OF THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE, A SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY MR JOHN TODD WAS ALSO SET UP TO CONSIDER THE COMPLICATED ISSUES OF COMPENSATION AND BETTERMENT. PUBLIC VIEWS ON THIS ASPECT WERE ALSO SOUGHT.

DURING THE CONSULTATION PERIOD ENDED ON JANUARY 11 THIS YEAR, THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT HELD 57 BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION SESSIONS WITH VARIOUS PUBLIC BODIES, PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTES, AND COMMUNITY GROUPS TO EXPLAIN THE PROPOSALS AND CLARIFY VARIOUS ISSUES.

A TOTAL OF 75 WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS ON THE CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT WERE RECEIVED. THESE SUBMISSIONS, SUBJECT TO THE CONSENT OF THE SUBMITTERS, ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

"MOST OF THE PROPOSALS IN THE CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT WERE GENERALLY SUPPORTED BY DIFFERENT SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY; BUT VIEWS WERE QUITE DIVIDED ON A NUMBER OF POINTS," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

"THESE INCLUDE THE PROPOSED PLANNING CERTIFICATE SYSTEM, IMPOSING INTERIM DEVELOPMENT CONTROL ON SITES WHEN THERE IS AN OBJECTION, AMORTISATION TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM OF NON-CONFORMING LAND USES AND DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL DESIGN AREAS," HE SAID.

"THE SCCB REPORT, WHICH CONTAINS SOME 50 RECOMMENDATIONS, WAS SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR ON MARCH 11. THE REPORT IS REGARDED AS A VERY COMPREHENSIVE AND PROFESSIONAL DOCUMENT, DEALING WITH ISSUES WITHIN THE SCOPE OF STUDY AND OUTLINING POSSIBLE WAYS OF APPROACHING THEM," HE SAID.

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NEED TO REVISE LAND RESUMPTION LAWS : SCCB REPORT

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THERE IS A NEED TO REVISE THE LEGISLATIVE BASIS FOR COMPENSATION IN CASES OF LAND RESUMPTION IN HONG KONG, A SPECIAL COMMITTEE SAID IN ONE OF ITS MANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT.

THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COMPENSATION AND BETTERMENT (SCCB) SET UP TO CONSIDER AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE QUESTIONS OF COMPENSATION AND BETTERMENT IN THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE TODAY (TUESDAY) RELEASED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE DETAILS IN THE REPORT WHICH HAS BEEN SENT TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

THE CONFERENCE WAS CHAIRED BY THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF SCCB, JUDGE CRUDEN.

THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE CONTAINS MORE THAN 50 RECOMMENDATIONS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS STEMMING FROM LAND RESUMPTION, BLIGHT AND DIMINUTION AND DEPRECIATION OF VALUE.

AT PRESENT THE LEGISLATIVE BASIS FOR COMPENSATION IS SET OUT IN A SERIES OF ORDINANCES, THE INTERPRETATION OF WHICH RESTS HEAVILY ON A NUMBER OF JUDICIAL DECISIONS, THE REPORT SAID.

"THE POSITION IS COMPLICATED AND HAS LED TO MISUNDERSTANDING AND MORE DISCONTENT.

"THE CROWN LANDS RESUMPTION ORDINANCE IS PARTICULARLY WEAK AS IT CONTAINS ANACHRONISTIC PROVISIONS AND IS FAR FROM BEING COMPREHENSIVE.

"THE OTHER MORE MODERN ORDINANCES ARE SO DRAFTED AS TO REFER TO THIS OLD ORDINANCE, AND ITS WEAKNESSES ARE THUS IMPORTED INTO THE NEWER LEGISLATION," THE REPORT SAID.

THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE CROWN LANDS RESUMPTION ORDINANCE BE REPLACED BY A "MORE COMPREHENSIVE ORDINANCE WHICH WOULD PROVIDE A FIRM, MODERN BASIS FOR THE LEGISLATION ON RESUMPTION".

"THE OPPORTUNITY SHOULD THEN BE TAKEN TO AMEND THE OTHER RESUMPTION ORDINANCES TO ENSURE CONSISTENCY BETWEEN THEM AND WITH THE NEW ORDINANCE," THE REPORT NOTED.

SCCB, HOWEVER, CONSIDERED THAT THE SYSTEM IN HONG KONG FOR RESUMPTION OF LAND WAS "GENERALLY FAIR AND THAT WHEN ACCOUNT IS TAKEN OF THE EX-GRATIA ELEMENT IT COMPARES MORE THAN FAVOURABLY WITH THE TREATMENT GIVEN TO LANDOWNERS IN OTHER COUNTRIES".

ANOTHER RECOMMENDATION BY SCCB CONCERNS THE INTRODUCTION OF BETTERMENT IN THE FORM OF A LAND DEVELOPMENT LEVY.

THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE SAID A MODERN DEFINITION OF "BETTERMENT" WAS "ANY INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF PROPERTY OTHER THAN THAT ATTRIBUTABLE TO IMPROVEMENTS MADE BY THE OWNER OR DUE TO INFLATION".

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ANOTHER DEFINITION WAS "ANY INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF LAND (INCLUDING THE BUILDINGS ON IT) ARISING FROM GOVERNMENT ACTION, WHETHER POSITIVE (E.G. BY THE EXECUTION OF PUBLIC WORKS OR IMPROVEMENTS), OR NEGATIVE (E.G. BY THE IMPOSITION OF RESTRICTIONS ON OTHER LAND)".

IN SUCH CONTEXT, THE REPORT SAID, BETTERMENT WAS CONFINED TO LAND OR PROPERTY VALUES ENHANCED BY PUBLIC SECTOR-ACTIVITIES AND EXCLUDED INCREASES IN CURRENT USE VALUE OF A SITE.

IT WOULD BE IMPRACTICABLE TO INTRODUCE A PURE LEVY BASED ON EITHER OF THESE DEFINITIONS IN HONG KONG, THE REPORT NOTED.

SOME COUNTRIES HAVE DEVISED SIMPLER PRACTICAL SYSTEMS TO RECOVER SOME OF THE BENEFIT GIVEN TO OWNERS BY GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES, AND SUCH SYSTEMS FALL INTO TWO CATEGORIES - PERIODIC, USUALLY ANNUAL LEVIES; AND LEVIES ON AN EVENT, USUALLY REDEVELOPMENT OR SALE.

THE REPORT SAID : "WE DO NOT CONSIDER THAT PERIODIC LEVIES ARE DESIRABLE AS THEY ARE IMPOSED ON POTENTIAL RATHER THAN ACTUAL GAINS.

"WE WOULD ALSO NOT FAVOUR LEVIES ON SALES AS THESE WOULD OFTEN FALL LARGELY ON OWNER-OCCUPIERS. IF SUCH CASES WERE EXEMPT, THE INCIDENCE OF THE TAX WOULD BE SO LESSENED AS TO REDUCE SIGNIFICANTLY THE VALUE OF THIS APPROACH AS A REVENUE SOURCE."

SCCB WAS SATISFIED THAT "HONG KONG COULD OPERATE A SIMPLE AND FAIR LEVY ON REDEVELOPMENT".

AFTER CAREFUL EXAMINATION SCCB CONCLUDED THAT INTRODUCTION OF A LEVY WOULD NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON END-USER PRICES BUT THAT IT WOULD BE A "CLEAN TAX ON DEVELOPMENT".

"WE WOULD THEREFORE SUPPORT THE INTRODUCTION OF A LAND DEVELOPMENT LEVY SET AT A RATE TO OFFSET AN INCREASE IN COMPENSATION PAYMENTS TO THE EXTENT THAT THIS CANNOT BE MET FROM ANTICIPATED REVENUE FROM EXISTING SOURCES," THE REPORT SAID.

ON THE QUESTION OF COMPENSATION FOR DIMINUTION, THE REPORT SAID THE BASIC QUESTION WAS HOW FAR A GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO DEPRIVE OWNERS OF THEIR DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS WITHOUT COMPENSATION, OR EXPRESSED IN ANOTHER WAY, HOW FAR PRIVATE RIGHTS SHOULD BE GIVEN UP FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD WITHOUT COMPENSATION BEING PAID.

IT SAID : "IT HAS LONG BEEN THE PRACTICE IN HONG KONG THAT THE DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS EXPRESSED IN THE LEASE CAN ONLY BE EXERCISED TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY ARE NOT RESTRICTED BY LEGISLATION, WHICH IN PRACTICE HAS LARGELY MEANT RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED UNDER BUILDING REGULATIONS.

"THIS PRINCIPLE HAS BEEN LARGELY ACCEPTED. SINCE 1955, PLANNING RESTRICTIONS HAVE ALSO BEEN IMPOSED AT FIRST ONLY ON USE AND SINCE 1974 ALSO ON DENSITY OF DEVELOPMENT.

"IN OUR VIEW IT IS REASONABLE THAT SUCH RESTRICTIONS SHOULD BE IMPOSED IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, PROVIDED AN OWNER WHOSE PROPERTY WILL BE AFFECTED HAS THE RIGHT TO OBJECT TO THE IMPOSITION OF THE RESTRICTIONS, AND THERE IS PROVISION FOR A FAIR HEARING OF HIS OBJECTION."

SCCB EXAMINED THE PAST PRACTICE AND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PROCEDURE FOR INTRODUCING NEW OUTLINE ZONING PLANS AND FOR HEARING OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSALS UNDER THOSE PLANS AND WAS SATISFIED THAT THERE WOULD BE ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS TO ENSURE THAT THE RIVAL CLAIMS OF PRIVATE INTEREST AND PUBLIC GOOD WERE FULLY CONSIDERED.

IN VIEW OF THIS THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE REJECTED PROPOSALS FOR COMPENSATION BASED ON :-

- * FULL LEASE RIGHTS;
- * LEASE RIGHTS DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED LEASES;
- * LEASE RIGHTS BASED ON PURCHASED RIGHTS;
- * LEASE RIGHTS BASED ON EXISTING USE;
- * PARTIAL COMPENSATION;
- * COMPENSATION IN KIND;
- * COMPENSATION FOR OUTLINE ZONING PLAN RESTRICTIONS; AND
- * DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS AT A SPECIFIC DATE.

SCCB RECOMMENDED THAT GENERALLY THERE SHOULD BE NO COMPENSATION FOR THE LOSS OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS OWING TO LEGISLATIVE OR PLANNING RESTRICTIONS PROVIDED :

- * THERE IS ADEQUATE CONSIDERATION OF PRIVATE RIGHTS AS AGAINST THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE PLAN MAKING PROCESS;
- * THE PLANNING APPLICATION SYSTEM IS FLEXIBLE;
- * THERE IS A SYSTEM TO ENSURE CERTAINTY IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS;
- * THOSE WHO ARE DEPRIVED OF REASONABLY BENEFICIAL USE IN THEIR LAND MAY OBTAIN REDRESS;
- * PROVISION IS MADE FOR HARDSHIP CASES.

THE COST OF THE COMPENSATION PROPOSALS WILL DEPEND ON HOW THE METROPLAN IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED.

AS REGARDS THE OPEN STORAGE PROBLEM ON RURAL LAND, A PACKAGE OF IMPROVEMENT MEASURES HAS ALSO BEEN PUT FORWARD.

OTHER SCCB PROPOSALS INCLUDE EXTENDING THE PLANNING APPLICATION SYSTEMS TO ALLOW MORE OPENNESS TO POSITIVE PRIVATE-SECTOR IDEAS, REQUIRING PERIODIC REVIEWS OF ALL GOVERNMENT OUTLINE ZONING PLANS AND INTRODUCING A CERTIFICATE GUARANTEEING DEVELOPMENT PROVIDED IT IS INITIATED WITHIN A SPECIFIC PERIOD.

IT ALSO SUGGESTED A STATUTORY RESUMPTION REQUEST NOTICE TO DEAL WITH CASES OF BLIGHT ARISING FROM THE RESERVATION OF LAND FOR GOVERNMENT USE AND RESTRICTIONS ON LAND FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PURPOSES; AND TO DEAL WITH PEOPLE WHO CANNOT REDEVELOP THEIR LAND AND ORDINARY FLAT-OWNERS WHO CANNOT SELL THEIR FLATS.

AS THE GOVERNMENT AT PRESENT COULD FREEZE LAND INDEFINITELY TOO EASILY, THE COMMITTEE SUGGESTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD FROM NOW ON CONDUCT A FIVE-YEAR INTERNAL REVIEW OF ALL ITS RESERVATIONS ON OUTLINE ZONING PLANS TO CONSIDER WHETHER THEY WERE STILL JUSTIFIED.

THIS WOULD LEAD TO COMPENSATION THROUGH RESUMPTION IN CERTAIN CASES, AND IT WOULD HELP TO KEEP THE INCIDENTS OF BLIGHT AS LOW AS POSSIBLE, WHICH WAS THE MAIN THING, THE REPORT SAID.

IN THE CASE OF RESERVED, OR BLIGHTED LAND, THE RESUMPTION REQUEST NOTICE PROPOSAL IS LIMITED TO OWNER-OCCUPIERS AND OTHERS WHOSE PROPERTY HAS AN ANNUAL RATEABLE VALUE NOT EXCEEDING \$30,000.

THE COMMITTEE WAS FORMED LAST JULY INDEPENDENTLY FROM THE ADMINISTRATION TO RUN CONCURRENTLY WITH THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW ON THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE.

IT WAS CHAIRED BY MR JOHN TODD, AND ASSISTED BY A PANEL OF EXPERT ADVISERS INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES FROM PROFESSIONAL BODIES OF PLANNERS, SURVEYORS, SOLICITORS, BARRISTERS, DEVELOPERS, THE HEUNG YEE KUK AND THE GOVERNMENT.

THE REPORT SAID THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE HAS CONDUCTED BROAD AND IN-DEPTH CONSULTATIONS WITH LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS AND PRACTITIONERS, AND HAD HELD MEETINGS WITH THE DISTRICT BOARDS, THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AD HOC GROUP.

MORE THAN 125 COMMENTS AND REPORTS IN THE MEDIA RELATED TO THE SUBJECTS WERE ALSO NOTED BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

THE PROPOSALS WILL BE TAKEN FORWARD BY THE GOVERNMENT IN DRAWING UP A COMPREHENSIVE NEW PLANNING ORDINANCE BEFORE SUBMITTING IT TO THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS FOR APPROVAL.

COPIES OF THE REPORTS IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE TO THE PUBLIC AT THE DISTRICT OFFICES; THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S SECRETARIAT AT SEVENTH FLOOR, CLUB LUSITANO BUILDING, CENTRAL, AND THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS IN MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD.

FEBRUARY ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND
PER CAPITA EARNINGS FIGURES RELEASED

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THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND FOR THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURERS IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR INCREASED BY 3 PER CENT OVER FEBRUARY LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO A MONTHLY SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

IMPROVEMENT IN THE ORDERS POSITION WAS FOUND IN MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES. IN PARTICULAR, NOTABLE INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND TEXTILES INDUSTRIES.

COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH, THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IN FEBRUARY INCREASED BY 2 PER CENT FOR THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED.

INCREASES IN ORDERS WERE REPORTED IN MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, WITH THE LARGEST INCREASES IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND TEXTILES INDUSTRIES.

THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IS MEASURED IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF MONTHS AND REFERS TO ORDERS OUTSTANDING AS AT THE END OF THE REFERENCE MONTH.

THE TOTAL EMPLOYMENT OF THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED DECREASED BY 10 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY 1992 OVER A YEAR AGO. DECREASES IN EMPLOYMENT WERE RECORDED IN ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, WITH MORE SIGNIFICANT DECREASES FOUND IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS, PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES.

COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH, THE TOTAL EMPLOYMENT OF THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED DECREASED BY 2 PER CENT IN FEBRUARY 1992. MODERATE DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

ON PER CAPITA EARNINGS, BOTH THE YEAR-ON-YEAR AND MONTH-ON-MONTH COMPARISONS ARE AFFECTED BY THE TIMING OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, WHICH FELL IN EARLY FEBRUARY THIS YEAR BUT IN MID-FEBRUARY LAST YEAR.

WHILE MOST COMPANIES SURVEYED ISSUED THEIR DOUBLE-PAY AND YEAR-END BONUSES IN LATE JANUARY AND EARLY FEBRUARY LAST YEAR, THEY DID SO IN JANUARY THIS YEAR.

HENCE, IT IS MORE MEANINGFUL TO COMPARE THE AVERAGE PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR THE THREE MONTHS FROM DECEMBER 1991 TO FEBRUARY 1992 WITH THOSE FOR THE SAME PERIOD 12 MONTHS AGO.

FOR THE PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 1991 TO FEBRUARY 1992 TAKEN TOGETHER, THE AVERAGE PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SURVEYED INCREASED BY 14 PER CENT, IN MONEY TERMS, OVER THE SAME PERIOD 12 MONTHS AGO.

/SIGNIFICANT INCREASES

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN THE AVERAGE PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE RECORDED IN MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES. THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES RECORDED THE FASTEST INCREASE IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS.

THE TOTAL EMPLOYMENT OF THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES SURVEYED DECREASED MODERATELY IN FEBRUARY 1992 AS AGAINST A YEAR AGO; AND DECREASED SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH.

THE AVERAGE PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR DECEMBER 1991 TO FEBRUARY 1992 INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY OVER THE SAME PERIOD 12 MONTHS AGO.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT FIGURES FOR THIS INDUSTRY COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

IN THE SERVICE SECTORS, THE TOTAL EMPLOYMENT OF THE COMPANIES SURVEYED DECREASED SLIGHTLY IN FEBRUARY 1992 WHEN COMPARED WITH BOTH A YEAR AGO AND THE PRECEDING MONTH.

THE AVERAGE PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR DECEMBER 1991 TO FEBRUARY 1992 INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN MOST SERVICE SECTORS OVER THE SAME PERIOD 12 MONTHS AGO.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ARE SHOWN IN TABLES 1 TO 3.

THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICE SECTORS, CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZES IN SEPTEMBER 1986.

AS THE SURVEY SAMPLE COVERS ONLY THE LARGE COMPANIES, THE DEPARTMENT NOTED THAT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY NOT BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GENERAL SITUATION OF THE MANUFACTURING, CONSTRUCTION AND THE SERVICE SECTORS.

NEVERTHELESS, THE SURVEY RESULTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR MAKING A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THESE SECTORS IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1992 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT \$4.5 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 805 6441.

TABLE 1 : ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	AS AT THE END OF FEBRUARY 1992 ----- (MONTHS)	ORDERS-ON-HAND -----	
		CHANGE WHEN JAN. 92 ----- (%)	COMPARED WITH FEB. 91 ----- (%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	4.44	+2	+3
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WEARING APPAREL	4.78	+1	+1
TEXTILES	2.55	+9	+8
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	3.42	+20	+20
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	4.39	+4	+4
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	5.44	+1	+4
OTHERS	3.88	-2	-5

TABLE 2 : EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY/SERVICES	PERSONS ENGAGED AS AT THE END OF FEBRUARY 1992 -----	
	CHANGE WHEN JAN. 92 ----- (%)	COMPARED WITH FEB. 91 ----- (%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	-2	-10
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FOOD AND DRINKS	*	-3
WEARING APPAREL	-1	-6
TEXTILES	-1	-8
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-1	-15
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	-5	-12

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ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	-2	-18
OTHERS	-1	-2
CONSTRUCTION # -----	-1	-4
SERVICES -----	-1	-1
BANKS	-1	+2
HOTELS	-2	-4
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	-3
OTHERS	*	+1

* CHANGES WITHIN +/- 0.5%

PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

TABLE 3 : PER CAPITA EARNINGS

NOTE : OWING TO POSSIBLE INCLUSION OF IRREGULAR PAYMENTS (E.G. BACKPAY OR SPECIAL BONUS), "PER CAPITA EARNINGS" FOR A GIVEN MONTH MAY BE SUBJECT TO RATHER VOLATILE FLUCTUATIONS FROM TIME TO TIME. THEREFORE, IT IS PARTICULARLY ADVISABLE, IN STUDYING PER CAPITA EARNINGS STATISTICS, NOT TO TAKE A GIVEN MONTH'S DATA IN ISOLATION, BUT TO MAKE REFERENCE TO DATA OVER A LONGER PERIOD.

INDUSTRY/SERVICES -----	PER CAPITA EARNINGS -----			
	AVERAGE AS IN FEB. 92 (HK\$)	CHANGE WHEN COMPARED WITH JAN. 92 FEB. 91 (%) (%)		** CHANGE IN AVERAGE PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR DEC. 1991-FEB. 1992 OVER DEC. 1990-FEB. 1991 (%)
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES -----	7,391	-38	*	+14
FOOD AND DRINKS	7,842	-28	+9	+5
WEARING APPAREL	5,396	-30	*	+12
TEXTILES	6,014	-50	-8	+13

/PLASTIC PRODUCTS

PLASTIC PRODUCTS	7,622	-50	+1	+26
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	8,167	-31	+15	+21
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	8,067	-32	+3	+18
OTHERS	9,235	-45	-8	+10
CONSTRUCTION #	9,547	-34	-14	+15

SERVICES	11,989	-32	+6	+14

BANKS	11,238	-31	+14	+13
HOTELS	8,074	-64	-46	+8
PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,620	-31	+9	+14
OTHERS	13,978	-26	+7	+15

* CHANGES WITHIN +/-0.5%

PER CAPITA EARNINGS COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

** OWING TO THE DIFFERENCE IN THE TIMING OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR IN 1991 AND 1992 (I.E. MID-FEBRUARY IN 1991 BUT EARLY FEBRUARY IN 1992), THE TIMING OF ISSUE OF DOUBLE-PAY AND ANNUAL BONUSES IN THE TWO YEARS DIFFERS IN SOME COMPANIES SURVEYED. THIS AFFECTS THE COMPARISON OF PER CAPITA EARNINGS FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY 1992 WITH FEBRUARY 1991. A FURTHER COMPARISON IS THUS PROVIDED TO SHOW CHANGES IN THE AVERAGE PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR DEC. 91 - FEB. 92 OVER DEC. 90 - FEB. 91.

NOTE TO TABLES 1-3:

UNLIKE "ORDERS-ON-HAND" AND "PER CAPITA EARNINGS", WHICH ARE AVERAGE FIGURES AMONG THE COMPANIES SURVEYED, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED IS NOT MEANINGFUL INFORMATION ON ITS OWN (BECAUSE THIS IS A PANEL SURVEY) AND IS THEREFORE NOT SHOWN.

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APPLICATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF HK BRITISH PASSPORT BY POST

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A SPOKESMAN FOR IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT AS AN IMPROVEMENT OF SERVICE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, APPLICATIONS FOR REPLACEMENT OF HONG KONG BRITISH PASSPORTS MAY BE MADE BY POST.

APPLICANT'S PERSONAL ATTENDANCE TO SUBMIT APPLICATION WILL NO LONGER BE REQUIRED.

FROM MAY 1, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE IN HONG KONG AND ARE AGED 18 OR OVER MAY SEND THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR REPLACEMENT OF THEIR HONG KONG BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORIES CITIZEN PASSPORTS AND BRITISH NATIONAL (OVERSEAS) PASSPORTS BY POST TO THE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS (PASSPORT) SECTION, IMMIGRATION HEADQUARTERS, THIRD FLOOR, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

APPLICATIONS MAY ALSO BE DROPPED INTO THE DROP-IN BOXES INSTALLED AT THE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS (PASSPORT) SECTION OR AT ANY IMMIGRATION BRANCH OFFICES.

APPLICANTS WHO PREFER TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS IN PERSON MAY CONTINUE TO DO SO.

WHEN POSTING THEIR APPLICATIONS, APPLICANTS SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE ENCLOSED A PHOTOSTAT COPY OF THEIR PASSPORT AND HONG KONG PERMANENT IDENTITY CARD, TWO RECENT IDENTICAL PHOTOGRAPHS AND A CROSSED CHEQUE OR POSTAL ORDER FOR PAYMENT OF PASSPORT FEES.

FOR APPLICATIONS MADE BY POST OR DEPOSITED AT THE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS (PASSPORT) SECTION, IT WILL NORMALLY TAKE 10 WORKING DAYS FROM THE DATE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION TO ISSUE A NEW PASSPORT.

FOR APPLICATIONS DEPOSITED AT AN IMMIGRATION BRANCH OFFICE, IT WILL TAKE ABOUT 15 WORKING DAYS.

APPLICANTS WILL BE INFORMED BY LETTER THE DATE AND OFFICE TO COLLECT THEIR NEW PASSPORTS.

THEY SHOULD COLLECT THEIR NEW PASSPORTS IN PERSON AND BRING ALONG THEIR PREVIOUS PASSPORTS FOR CANCELLATION.

"THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE IN THE PROCEDURES FOR OTHER PASSPORT SERVICES. APPLICANTS FOR FIRST PASSPORTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS IN PERSON."

"APPLICANTS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR PREVIOUS PASSPORTS OR WHO NEED PASSPORTS FOR URGENT TRAVEL SHOULD ALSO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS IN PERSON," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY CALL THE INFORMATION OFFICE ON TEL. 824 6111.

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WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM FOR NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES TO BE LAUNCHED

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THE AU TAU TREATMENT WORKS STAGE I, AS PART OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT'S PROGRAMME TO GEAR UP THE SUPPLY NETWORK FOR YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN AND NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES, WILL BE OFFICIALLY INAUGURATED ON APRIL 23 (THURSDAY).

THE PLANT, AIMED AT HELPING TO MEET THE EVER INCREASING DEMAND FOR POTABLE WATER GENERATED BY DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA, WILL HAVE A DAILY CAPACITY OF 110,000 CUBIC METRES.

IT WILL REACH AN ULTIMATE DAILY CAPACITY OF 330,000 CUBIC METRES WHEN THE STAGE II EXTENSION WORKS ARE COMPLETED IN 1994.

THE STAGE I WORKS FOR THE TREATMENT PLANT ARE VALUED AT \$425 MILLION. THE WHOLE PROJECT WILL BE ABOUT \$775 MILLION WHEN COMPLETED.

THE WORKS EMPLOY THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY PROCESSES OF CLARIFICATION AND FILTRATION AS MEANS OF ACHIEVING OPTIMUM WATER QUALITY.

TO MINIMISE POLLUTION TO THE ENVIRONMENT, THE PLANT HAS INCORPORATED SPECIAL SLUDGE DISPOSAL FACILITIES WHICH WILL COLLECT AND DEWATER THE SLUDGE PRIOR TO THE TRANSFER OF THE SLUDGE CAKE TO LANDFILL SITE.

THE PROJECT ALSO INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PRIMARY SERVICE RESERVOIR, WATER MAINS RANGING IN DIAMETER FROM 600 TO 1,200 MILLIMETRES AND A TRIPLE-CELL REINFORCED CONCRETE BOX CULVERT.

THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR WONG KWOK-LAI, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF HEUNG YEE KUK, MR LAU WONG-FAT, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY WHICH WILL START AT 3 PM ON APRIL 23 (THURSDAY).

A COACH, NUMBERED ER 4074, TAKING NEWS MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO THE TREATMENT PLANT WILL LEAVE QUEEN'S PIER, CENTRAL, AT 1.30 PM.

NEWS MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WHO WISH TO MAKE THEIR OWN WAY THERE CAN OBTAIN A FAXED COPY OF THE MAP ON REQUEST BY TELEPHONING THE LANDS AND WORKS GROUP OF DEPARTMENTS INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS UNIT ON 848 2273.

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ANTI-POLLUTION PROSECUTION CASES RELEASED
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) RELEASED A LIST OF COMPANIES THAT HAVE BEEN FOUND GUILTY IN THE COURTS IN MARCH OF BREACHING ANTI-POLLUTION LEGISLATION CURRENTLY ENFORCED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

SIMILAR ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE MADE REGULARLY ON A MONTHLY BASIS.

THE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS COULD BE TIME CONSUMING. THUS THERE WAS SOMETIMES A LENGTHY TIME GAP BETWEEN THE DATE OF THE OFFENCE AND THE CONVICTION DATE.

FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF PROSECUTION CASES AND THE ASSOCIATED FINES IMPOSED BY THE COURTS IN MARCH THIS YEAR:

NAME (COMPANY/ PERSON)	ADDRESS	DATE OF OFFENCE	NATURE OF OFFENCE	FINES(\$)	RECORD OF OFFENCE	COURT
1.CHEER WASHING SHOP LTD	HIU KWONG ST, KWUN TONG	21.11.90- 13.8.91	APCO : UNAUTHORISED INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF FURNACES	500	1ST	KWUN TONG
2.STEAM AND STEW INN CO LTD	TAI WONG ST EAST, WAN CHAI	30.1.91- 8.2.91	APCO : "	2,000	1ST	EASTERN
3.YAT CHAU HEALTH RESTAURANT LTD	DES VOEUX RD CENTRAL, CENTRAL	15.4.91- 15.6.91	APCO : "	1,000	1ST	WESTERN
4.SUSSEX DEVELOPMENT LTD	FU HENG ESTATE, TAI PO	25.4.91- 10.7.91	APCO : "	1,000	1ST	SHA TIN
5.YUMI YUMI CATERERS LTD	FU HENG ESTATE, TAI PO	9.5.91- 30.5.91	APCO : "	750	1ST	SHA TIN
6.HILLVIEW HOTEL MANAGEMENT LTD	OBSERVA- TORY RD, TSIM SHA TSUI	3.6.91- 6.6.91	APCO : "	2,000	1ST	SOUTH KOWLOON

/7.HONG KONG

7.HONG KONG OXYGEN AND ACETYLENE CO LTD	HANG HAU, TSEUNG KWAN O	21.6.91	WPCO : DISCHARGE WASTES INTO WATERS OF HONG KONG IN JUNK BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	50,000	1ST	KWUN TONG
8.YEUNG KWOK-MAN, MA TIEN NEE RESTAURANT	FUNG CHEUNG RD, YUEN LONG	8.8.91	WPCO : DISCHARGE POLLUTED WASTEWATER INTO A COMMUNAL SEWER IN THE DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	8,000	1ST	FANLING
9.FAT KEE BEAN CURD FTY	KWU TUNG, SHEUNG SHUI	10.9.91	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	10,000	2ND	FANLING
10.CHUN NAM LAU RESTAURANT LTD	OLD MAIN ST, ABERDEEN	10.9.91	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	5,000	2ND	EASTERN
11.YU YIK- MING	PERCIVAL ST, CAUSEWAY BAY	18.9.91	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE- MENT IN A NOISE ABATE- MENT NOTICE	8,000	1ST	EASTERN
12.CHEUK KIN TRADING LTD	NATHAN RD, YAU MA TEI	20.9.91	NCO : "	12,000	2ND	SOUTH KOWLOON
13.KONWALL CONSTRUCTION & ENGINEE- RING CO	MA ON SHAN RD, MA ON SHAN	27.9.91	NCO : CARRY OUT PERCUSSIVE PILING NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS IN A PERMIT	5,000	2ND	SHA TIN
14.CHU KONG- WAI	"	27.9.91	NCO : PERMIT PERCUSSIVE PILING NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS IN A PERMIT	1,500	1ST	SHA TIN

15.WING ON DYEING FTY	CHAI WAN KOK ST, TSUEN WAN	4.10.91	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	2,500	1ST	TSUEN WAN
16.TSE MING- CHUN, WO SING DYEING FACTORY	SHEK WU SUN CHUEN, SHEUNG SHUI	4.10.91	WPCO : DISCHARGE POLLUTING MATTER INTO THE WATERS OF HONG KONG IN THE DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	10,000	1ST	FANLING
17.GUANGDONG WATER CONSERVANCY & HYDROPOWER ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT CO LTD	ASHLEY RD, TSIM SHA TSUI	8.10.91	APCO : CONTRAVENING TERMS OR CONDITIONS OF A SPECIFIED PROCESS LICENCE	20,000	8TH	SAN PO KONG
18.LUEN SHING DYEING FTY	WAI YIP ST, KWUN TONG	9.10.91	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	3,000	1ST	KWUN TONG
19.LA INN LIMITED, SUN PAK LOK RESTAURANT	LUEN WO RD, FANLING	11.10.91	WPCO : DISCHARGE POLLUTED WASTE- WATER INTO A COMMUNAL SEWER IN THE DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	10,000	1ST	FANLING
20.CONTAI ENGINEERING CO LTD (LICENSEE)	KAI HING RD, KOWLOON BAY	11.10.91	DASO : PERMIT DUMPING OF ABOUT 32 CUBIC METRES OF EXCAVATED MATERIAL AT SEA EAST OF NINEPIN GROUP NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LICENCE CONDITION	5,000	5TH	EASTERN
21.YIP LAI- CHUEN	MATHESON ST, CAUSEWAY BAY	17.10.91	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE- MENT IN A NOISE ABATE- MENT NOTICE	10,000	1ST	EASTERN
22.CHEUNG MOON-WAH	KING'S RD, NORTH POINT	25.10.91	NCO : "	10,000	1ST	"

23. ANDERSON STEAM CO	WING KEI RD, KWAI CHUNG	29.10.91	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	2,500	1ST	TSUEN WAN
24. MONGKOK HSIN KUANG RESTAURANT LTD	NATHAN RD, MONG KOK	30.10.91	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE- MENT IN A NOISE ABATE- MENT NOTICE	10,000	1ST	NORTH KOWLOON
25. SUN FAT ROASTED PIG STOVE	PORTLAND ST, YAU MA TEI	11.11.91	APCO : FAILURE TO TAKE MEASURES TO ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY AIR POLLUTANT	5,000	2ND.	SOUTH KOWLOON
26. TAT MING & DYEING FTY	WING KIN RD, KWAI CHUNG	14.11.91	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	10,000	2ND	TSUEN WAN
27. EXPRESS CHANNEL SILK BLEACHING & DYEING FTY LTD	KUNG YIP ST, KWAI CHUNG	15.11.91	APCO : "	4,500	2ND	"
28. YUE YI STEAM LAUNDRY FTY	SAN SHAN RD, TOKWAWAN	19.11.91	APCO : FAILURE TO TAKE MEASURES TO ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY AIR POLLUTANT	15,000	1ST	SAN PO KONG
29. SAMRICH TRADING CO	WING LOK ST, SHEUNG WAN	20.11.91	OLPO : IMPORT SCHEDULED SUBSTANCES WITHOUT LICENCE	25,000	1ST	EASTERN
30. DAYFOONG DYEING & WEAVING FTY LTD	CHAI WAN KOK ST, TSUEN WAN	22.11.91	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	4,500	1ST	TSUEN WAN
31. WAH RICH INDUSTRIES LTD	TONG YAN SAN TSUEN, YUEN LONG	26.11.91	WPCO : DISCHARGE POLLUTING MATTER INTO THE WATERS OF HONG KONG IN THE DEEP BAY WATER CONTROL ZONE	5,000	1ST	FANLING

32.SUN CONTINENTS ENGINEERING CO LTD	TONG YAN SAN TSUEN, YUEN LONG	26.11.91	WPCO : "	10,000 1ST	FANLING
33.KWAI BUN RESTAURANT LTD	HENNESSY RD, WAN CHAI	27.11.91	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	4,000 1ST	EASTERN
34.FIRST DYEING WORKS LTD	YEUNG UK RD, TSUEN WAN	27.11.91	APCO : "	5,000 1ST	TSUEN WAN
35.LANFITEX DYEING FTY LTD	WING KEI RD, KWAI CHUNG	28.11.91	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	4,000 1ST	TSUEN WAN
36.KING CITY RESTAURANT LTD	SHEK WAI KOK ESTATE, TSUEN WAN	29.11.91	APCO : "	3,500 1ST	TSUEN WAN
37.WILSONIA DEVELOPMENT LTD	TA CHUEN PING ST, KWAI CHUNG	2.12.91	APCO : "	5,500 2ND	TSUEN WAN
38.REASON WASHING FTY LTD	WANG LUNG ST, TSUEN WAN	3.12.91	APCO : "	8,000 2ND	TSUEN WAN
39.GUANGDONG WATER CONSERVANCY & HYDROPOWER ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT CO LTD	ASHLEY RD, TSIM SHA TSUI	4.12.91	APCO : CONTRAVENING TERMS OR CONDITIONS OF A SPECIFIED PROCESS LICENCE	20,000 9TH	SAN PO KONG
40.SPRING WEAL LTD	WANG WO TSAI ST, TSUEN WAN	4.12.91	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	2,500 1ST	TSUEN WAN
41.WINSEC INVESTMENT LTD	FUNG SHUE WO RD, TSING YI	5.12.91	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE- MENT IN A NOISE ABATE- MENT NOTICE	10,000 1ST	TSUEN WAN
42.KO YUET- MAN	QUEEN'S RD WEST, SHEK TONG TSUI	5.12.91	NCO : "	2,000 1ST	WESTERN

43.INTERNATIONAL DYEING & BLEACHING FTY LTD	PUN SHAN ST, TSUEN WAN	6.12.91	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	7,000 1ST	TSUEN WAN
44.HOP SUN DYEING FTY LTD	WING LAP ST, KWAI CHUNG	7.12.91	APCO : "	5,000 2ND	TSUEN WAN
45.KWONG YAT-NAM	ELGIN ST, CENTRAL	18.12.91	NCO : FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIRE- MENT IN A NOISE ABATE- MENT NOTICE	4,000 1ST	WESTERN
46.SHINING FORTUNE BLEACHING AND DYEING FTY LTD	KWAI CHEONG RD, KWAI CHUNG	30.12.91	APCO : EXCESSIVE DARK SMOKE EMISSION	7,000 1ST	TSUEN WAN
47.EXPRESS CHANNEL SILK BLEACHING & DYEING FTY LTD	KUNG YIP ST, KWAI CHUNG	15.1.92	APCO : "	3,500 3RD	TSUEN WAN
48.SATIS- FACTORY PRINTING & DYEING FTY LTD	YIP SHING ST, KWAI CHUNG	23.1.92	APCO : "	6,000 1ST	TSUEN WAN

NOTE :

APCO : AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE

NCO : NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE

DASO : DUMPING AT SEA ACT 1974 (OVERSEAS TERRITORIES) ORDER 1975

WPCO : WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE

OLPO : OZONE LAYER PROTECTION ORDINANCE

ON THE PROVISION OF NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE RELATING TO CARRYING OUT CONSTRUCTION WORK WITHOUT A VALID CONSTRUCTION NOISE PERMIT, ONE PERSON WAS PROSECUTED BY THE POLICE AND FINED \$5,000.

/A SPOKESMAN

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID IN CASE 17 THE COMPANY WAS A REPEATED OFFENDER AND WAS FINED THE MAXIMUM FINE OF \$20,000 FOR NOT TAKING APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO ABATE THE DUST EMISSION FROM QUARRYING WORKS AS REQUIRED IN THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONCERNED SPECIFIED PROCESS LICENCE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

ENQUIRIES ON SPECIFIC CASES CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICERS :

APCO, OLPO	MR FRANKLIN CHUNG	TEL. 810 2907
NCO	DR ANDREW KWAN	TEL. 810 2800
WPCO CASE 7	DR DANIEL LAU	TEL. 755 2200
WPCO CASE 8, 16, 19, 31 AND 32	MR MURRAY LUO	TEL. 835 1184
DASO	MR MICHAEL NASH	TEL. 755 3553

HOWEVER, ENQUIRIES ON GENERAL ISSUES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC RELATIONS SECTION.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (TUESDAY) STOOD AT 46.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 271.615 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 146.772 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 25 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ADVISED THE PUBLIC TO DO EVERYTHING THEY COULD TO CONSERVE WATER AND AVOID WASTAGE.

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO GO OFF IN SHAM SHUI PO, MONG KOK
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO SHAM SHUI PO AND MONG KOK DISTRICTS WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 AM ON THURSDAY (APRIL 23) TO 9 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE MAINTENANCE WORK ON WATER MAINS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES IN LAI CHI KOK, SHAM SHUI PO, TAI KOK TSUI, MONG KOK, SHEK KIP MEI, YAU YAT TSUEN, TAI HANG TUNG, TAI WO PING, CHEUNG SHA WAN, SO UK, BEACON HEIGHTS AND A SECTION OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD BETWEEN NAM CHEONG STREET AND LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
TENDER RESULTS

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TENDER DATE	21 APR 92	21 APR 92
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q217	Y289
AMOUNT APPLIED	HKD 1,485 MN	HKD 630 MN
AMOUNT ALLOTTED	HKD 500 MN	HKD 200 MN
AVERAGE YIELD ACCEPTED	3.90 PCT	4.65 PCT
HIGHEST YIELD ACCEPTED	3.92 PCT	4.68 PCT
PRO RATA RATIO	75 PCT	64 PCT
AVERAGE TENDER YIELD	3.96 PCT	4.74 PCT

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

TENDER TO BE HELD IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 27 APRIL 1992 -

TENDER DATE	28 APR 92	28 APR 92
PAPER ON OFFER	EF BILLS	EF BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER	Q218	H263
ISSUE DATE	29 APR 92	29 APR 92
MATURITY DATE	29 JULY 92	28 OCT 92
TENOR	91 DAYS	182 DAYS
AMOUNT ON OFFER	HK\$500 + 100 MN	HK\$200 + 60 MN

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	DATE -----	\$ MILLION -----
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	16.4.92	700
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	21.4.92	NEUTRAL
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		NEUTRAL
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS AFTERNOON		+500 *

* O/N ASSISTANCE TO BE REVERSED ON 22.4.92

TRADE WEIGHTED INDEX 113.2 *+0.2* 21.4.92

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS

TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.87 PCT	19 MONTHS	2311	6.25	101.53	5.29
1 MONTH	3.84 PCT	22 MONTHS	2402	5.50	99.72	5.74
3 MONTHS	3.84 PCT					
6 MONTHS	3.95 PCT					
12 MONTHS	4.62 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 3,864 MN

CLOSED 21 APRIL 1992

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