

Installation of optical fibre submarine cables from Siu Sai Wan to Tseung Kwan O Industrial Estate proposed

The Government has proposed to allow Hong Kong Broadband Network Limited to install two parallel optical fibre submarine cables, each approximately 2.25 kilometres in length and 60 millimetres in diameter, from Siu Sai Wan (SSW) to Tseung Kwan O Industrial Estate (TKOIE). These cables are part of the TKO Connect Cable System. The extent of the area of foreshore and sea-bed affected is described in a [notice](#) published in the Government Gazette today (August 7).

The total length of the TKO Connect Cable System will be about 2.8km and it is expected to meet the increasing demand from local data centre operators for high-speed and high-capacity fibre-optic infrastructure and support Hong Kong's role as a regional data centre hub.

The proposed works involve the installation of the cables by a cable-laying barge that will simultaneously lay and bury the submarine cables from the SSW offshore sea-bed across the Tathong Channel to TKOIE at a depth of about 5 metres below the sea-bed within an area of approximately 1,120 square metres of foreshore and sea-bed. The width of temporary disturbance will be about 0.5m. The proposed works are scheduled tentatively to commence in the fourth quarter of this year and be completed in mid-2021.

The notice and its related plan are posted near the site. The plan is also available for inspection at:

- * Survey and Mapping Office of the Lands Department (23/F, North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong) (where copies can be purchased on order);
- * Eastern Home Affairs Enquiry Centre of the Eastern District Office (G/F, Eastern Law Courts Building, 29 Tai On Street, Sai Wan Ho, Hong Kong);
- * Sai Kung Home Affairs Enquiry Centre of the Sai Kung District Office (G/F, Sai Kung Tseung Kwan O Government Complex, 38 Pui Shing Road, Hang Hau, Tseung Kwan O, New Territories); and
- * Lands Department's website (www.landsd.gov.hk) under Government Notices.

Any person who considers that he or she has an interest, right or easement in or over the foreshore and sea-bed involved may submit a written objection to the Director of Lands, 20/F, North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong, within two months from the above-mentioned

date, i.e. on or before October 7. The notice of such objection shall describe the interest, right or easement of the objector and the manner in which he or she will be allegedly affected.