

Regulating actions taken in accordance with Contractor Management Handbook

The Development Bureau (DEVB) has taken regulating actions in accordance with the Contractor Management Handbook against contractors concerned for construction issues associated with Hung Hom Station, To Kwa Wan Station and Exhibition Centre Station under the Shatin to Central Link (SCL) Project implemented by the MTR Corporation Limited.

A spokesman for the DEVB said today (October 8), "In 2001, the Government promulgated the Contractor Management Handbook to monitor the performance of public works contractors and suppliers. The Handbook specifies circumstances that may lead to the taking of regulating actions, the guidelines and procedures on taking regulating actions and the possible regulating actions. If a contractor is found or suspected to have committed serious poor performance in any public or private sector works contract, the DEVB can take appropriate regulating action against the contractor in accordance with established procedures. Regulating actions include suspension from tendering, downgrading to probationary status, demotion to a lower group, or removal from the relevant Lists of Approved Contractors for Public Works and of Approved Suppliers of Materials and Specialist Contractors for Public Works (Approved Lists).

"Based on the information available, including the contractors' representations and the relevant circumstances at Hung Hom Station, To Kwa Wan Station and Exhibition Centre Station of the SCL Project, the DEVB has decided to, under the prevailing mechanism, take regulating actions against contractors concerned."

Details of the regulating actions are as follows:

1. For the construction issues associated with Hung Hom Station, Leighton Contractors (Asia) Limited is suspended from tendering for all works categories under which it is listed on the Approved Lists for a period of 12 months effective from October 8, 2018.
2. For the construction issues associated with To Kwa Wan Station, both of the joint venture participants, Samsung C & T Corporation and Hsin Chong Construction Company Limited, are suspended from tendering for all works categories under which they are listed on the Approved Lists for a period of four months effective from October 8, 2018.
3. For the construction issues associated with Exhibition Centre Station, both of the joint venture participants, Leighton Contractors (Asia) Limited and China State Construction Engineering (Hong Kong) Limited, are suspended from tendering for the works categories of "Buildings (Group C)" and "Roads and Drainage (Group C)" for a period of three months. The suspension for Leighton Contractors (Asia) Limited will take effect upon expiry of the

suspension period relating to Hung Hom Station (as mentioned in item (i) above) and the suspension period for China State Construction Engineering (Hong Kong) Limited will be effective from October 8, 2018.

In regard to the regulating action taken in relation to item (i) above, the Government reserves the right to take further regulating actions. In case more information on the construction issues associated with Hung Hom Station is available in future, the DEVB will review the situation and, if necessary, recommend and take further appropriate regulating actions.