Agreement No. CE 61/2007 North East New Territories New Development Areas Planning and Engineering Study - Investigation

Gist of Meeting with Some Sawmill Owners/Tenants in Kwu Tung North

Date : 23 November 2012 (Friday)

Time : 2:30 pm

Venue: Meeting Room, Civil Engineering and Development Department, 9/F, Sha Tin

Government Offices, 1 Sheung Wo Che Road Sha Tin, New Territories

Assistance to the Sawmill Operators for Relocation

- The participants concerned whether the New Development Area (NDA) project would affect the business of the operators;
- Expressed that the implementation programme would affect the their investment decision on their existing sawmills;
- Would like to be informed on the NDAs proposals;
- Considered that development was necessary but hoped that the Government could give considerations on reprovisioning of sawmills;
- Stated that it would be difficult to find suitable locations for reprovisioning of the sawmills in or near Kwu Tung; and
- Pointed out that their sawmills were originally located elsewhere. The Government had assisted the sawmill operators who affected by Government projects elsewhere to relocated their factories to Kwu Tung before. It was hoped that the Government would provide assistance in relocation this time.

Land Resumption and Compensation

- Requested for more information on reprovisioning and compensation package of similar development; and
- Demanded for better compensation package than the one offered under the prevailing policy if the Government was going to resume their land.

[Note: The above gist of views collated by the Consultants is for reference only and has not been confirmed by the participants.]