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28 September 2018**Excavation works for Exhibition Centre Station of the Shatin to Central Link**

Excavation works at Exhibition Centre Station works sites of the Shatin to Central Link (SCL) will resume tomorrow (29 September 2018), after the project team of the MTR Corporation (“the Corporation”) has reaffirmed the continuous safety and integrity of the buildings, structures and utilities near the works sites.

To allay public concerns on the possible impacts caused by the construction activities, the excavation works for Exhibition Centre Station have been temporarily suspended since 10 August 2018.

The project team has holistically reviewed all the monitoring records to reaffirm safety of the works as well as the the buildings, structures and utilities near the works sites. Among all monitoring points, as of August 2018, approximately 50 monitoring points have reached the respective trigger values related to ground settlement. Most of these are ground settlement monitoring points for roads and footpaths, while the rest are monitoring points mainly for underground utilities.

The project team and Contractor had taken appropriate follow-up actions, including road repair and repaving works, additional ground treatment works, installation of real-time gas leakage monitoring points, as well as leakage test for water pipes to ensure safety and normal operation of the relevant ground surface and underground utilities.

The project team will resume the excavation works for Exhibition Centre Station cautiously, with a set of revised trigger values agreed with relevant government departments.

Meanwhile, the Corporation notes that the Government has set up a new announcement mechanism with a view to providing timely information to the public when the monitoring data in relation to relevant structures and facilities have reached the trigger values. The Corporation will work closely with the Government in accordance with the mechanism.

Safety has always been the top priority of the Corporation. The Corporation will continue to exercise stringent monitoring and manage the impact of railway construction works on nearby buildings, structures and facilities. The Corporation will, as always, continue to fully cooperate with all relevant government departments and implement all necessary measures to ensure the safety of the nearby buildings, structures and facilities.

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