

### MTR Sets Up Investigation Panel on East Rail Line Incident

In response to the incident which occurred near Hung Hom Station on the East Rail Line (“EAL”) on 17 September 2019, MTR Corporation has set up an Investigation Panel (the Panel) to investigate into and identify the root causes of the incident and to make recommendations for safety improvements.

The Corporation has appointed Operations Director Mr Adi Lau and Engineering Director Dr Peter Ewen to jointly chair the Panel. In addition, three external experts from Hong Kong and overseas have been appointed to provide the Panel with professional advice during the investigation:

- Mr Ravi Ravitharan, Director of the Institute of Railway Technology (IRT), Monash University
- Mr Owen Evans, Senior Vehicle Dynamicist, Resonate Group Limited
- Professor SL Ho, Associate Vice President (Academic Support), The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

The Panel also comprises another nine members including senior representatives from the Operations and Engineering divisions of MTR Corporation.

"Safety is the top priority of the Corporation and we take the incident very seriously. I apologise again to the passengers who were injured or affected, and would also like to express our appreciation for the assistance rendered by relevant Government departments during the handling of the incident," said Dr Jacob Kam, Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation.

The Panel will conduct a thorough review to establish the facts and circumstances surrounding the incident and the immediate aftermath to identify the root cause(s) and any other contributory factor(s) leading to the incident. In the process, the Panel will also assess the adequacy of the design, manufacture and maintenance of Rolling Stock and Permanent Way equipment and any other items pertinent to any factors identified in the light of findings as to the cause(s) of the incident. In addition, the Panel will identify improvement measures to prevent recurrence of a similar incident in future.

The findings of the Panel will be submitted to the Government in about three to six months' time. The Corporation will also fully cooperate with the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department in its separate independent investigation into the incident.

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MTR has extensive end-to-end railway expertise with more than 40 years of railway projects experience from design to planning and construction through to commissioning, maintenance and operations. Going beyond railway delivery and operation, MTR also creates and manages dynamic communities around its network through seamless integration of rail, commercial and property development.

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