# SUSTAINABLE FINANCE REPORT 2022





### Introduction

As a corporation whose main business is to provide low carbon transportation to keep cities moving, sustainable financing constitutes a substantial portion of MTR's overall borrowing. MTR issued the first Green Bond in 2016, and has continued its efforts in raising different types of sustainable finance since then.

Up to the end of 2022, MTR has raised more than HK\$ 32 billion equivalent of sustainable financing to fund or refinance the various projects described in this report.

Within MTR, the Sustainability Team (previously part of the Public Affairs Department) has been grouped under the Environment and Social Responsibility Department, which is part of the Legal and Governance Function.

### Sustainable Finance Portfolio

At the end of 2022, MTR's outstanding sustainable finance portfolio consisted of 20 bonds (in four different currencies) as well as two loans (in EUR and HKD). The bonds were issued by either MTR or its issuance vehicle MTR Corporation (C.I.) Limited ("MTR CI") with the guarantee of MTR.

In 2022, three bonds in the portfolio (one in HKD and two in CNY, totaling HK\$ 2.0 billion equivalent) were redeemed and two loans in HKD (totaling HK\$ 1.9 billion) were repaid/cancelled. Eight new bonds totaling HK\$ 2.8 billion equivalent were arranged to replace the matured financing and fund new projects. The outstanding sustainable finance at the end of 2022 slightly reduced to HK\$ 25.0 billion equivalent from HK\$26.1 billion a year ago.

The following table lists out the sustainable financing that were outstanding as of 31 December 2022.

### **Outstanding Green Bonds**

Year Issued	Identifier/ISIN	lssuer	Currency	Coupon (p.a.)	Maturity Date	Principal Amount
2016	MTRCIGB_USD_261102XS1509084775	MTR CI	USD	2.500%	2 Nov 2026	USD 600,000,000
2017	MTRCIGB_AUD_270628XS1637858546	MTR CI	AUD	3.300%	28 Jun 2027	AUD 171,000,000
2017	MTRCIGB_HKD_320920HK0000365228	MTR CI	HKD	2.460%	20 Sep 2032	HKD 722,000,000
2017	MTRGB_HKD_470717HK0000352432	MTR	HKD	2.980%	17 Jul 2047	HKD 338,000,000
2017	MTRCIGB_HKD_470906HK0000362761	MTR CI	HKD	2.830%	06 Sep 2047	HKD 315,000,000
2017	MTRGB_USD_470927XS1690683211	MTR	USD	3.375%	27 Sep 2047	USD 100,000,000
2018	MTRCIGB_HKD_480328HK0000409455	MTR CI	HKD	3.150%	28 Mar 2048	HKD 230,000,000
2020	MTRGB_USD_300819XS2213668085	MTR	USD	1.625%	19 Aug 2030	USD 1,200,000,000
2020	MTRGB_HKD_550624HK0000612025	MTR	HKD	2.550%	24 Jun 2055	HKD 500,000,000
2021	MTRGB_CNY_230408HK0000722089	MTR	CNY	2.850%	8 Apr 2023	CNY 350,000,000
2021	MTRGB_CNY_240324HK0000707460	MTR	CNY	2.900%	24 Mar 2024	CNY 1,000,000,000
2021	MTRGB_CNY_240325HK0000707445	MTR	CNY	2.800%	25 Mar 2024	CNY 250,000,000
2022	MTRGB_HKD_240815HK0000871613	MTR	HKD	3.250%	15 Aug 2024	HKD 500,000,000
2022	MTRGB_CNY_240906HK0000874187	MTR	CNY	2.850%	6 Sep 2024	CNY 250,000,000
2022	MTRGB_CNY_240912HK0000877156	MTR	CNY	2.870%	12 Sep 2024	CNY 420,000,000
2022	MTRGB_HKD_241028HK0000881935	MTR	HKD	5.000%	28 Oct 2024	HKD 450,000,000
2022	MTRGB_HKD_241101HK0000887429	MTR	HKD	5.000%	1 Nov 2024	HKD 312,000,000
2022	MTRGB_HKD_240502HK0000887635	MTR	HKD	4.960%	2 May 2024	HKD 330,000,000
2022	MTRGB_HKD_241103HK0000887742	MTR	HKD	4.970%	3 Nov 2024	HKD 310,000,000
2022	MTRGB_HKD_271212HK0000895661	MTR	CNY	2.900%	12 Dec 2027	CNY 150,000,000

### **Outstanding Green Loans/Sustainable Loans/Credit Facilities**

Year Executed	Identifier	Currency	Maturity Date	Loan Amount
2020	MTRGL_HKD_250618	HKD	18 Jun 2025	HKD 1,500,000,000
2021	MTRGL_EUR_260111	EUR	11 Jan 2026	EUR 100,000,000



### **Project Portfolio**

In 2022, a new project (#M – Replacement of Light Rail Vehicles) was added under the Train Lines and Infrastructure section of the portfolio.

Details of the projects as well as the allocation of the financing to the various projects are available in later part of this report.

#	Name of Project	Classification	Total Project Amount	Cost Incurred up to Dec 2022	Amount Financed by Sustainable Finance Proceeds	
Train	Lines and Infrastructure					
А	Kwun Tong Line Extension	Low Carbon Transportation	HK\$ 6,900 million	HK\$ 6,581million	HK\$ 5,425 million	
В	South Island Line (East)	Low Carbon Transportation	HK\$ 17,200 million	HK\$ 17,047 million	HK\$ 14,044 million	
С	Replacement of 1 <sup>st</sup> Generation M-Trains	Low Carbon Transportation	HK\$ 7,100 million	HK\$ 1,589 million	HK\$ 1,200 million	
D	Replacement of Rail Power Line	Low Carbon Transportation	HK\$ 4,900 million	HK\$ 445 million	HK\$ 194 million	
E	Battery Locomotives Acquisition	Low Carbon Transportation	HK\$ 265 million	HK\$ 53 million	HK\$ 21 million	
М	Replacement of Light Rail Vehicles	Low Carbon Transportation	HK\$ 980 million	HK\$ 822 million	HK\$ 400 million	
ner	gy Efficiency Improvement					
F	Replacement of Chillers at Stations/Depot Facilities	Energy Efficiency	HK\$ 1,100 million	HK\$ 1,023 million	HK\$ 1,023 million	
G	Trackside Energy Storage (pilot)	Energy Efficiency	HK\$ 21 million	HK\$ 21 million	HK\$ 21 million	
Н	Smart Intelligent Power Module (R-IPM)	Energy Efficiency	HK\$ 98 million	HK\$ 90 million	HK\$ 90 million	
I	Regenerative Station Energy Saving Inverter System	Energy Efficiency	HK\$ 8 million	HK\$ 7 million	HK\$ 7 million	
Susta	ainable Stations and Buildings					
J	Maritime Square Extension	Sustainable Real Estate	HK\$ 2,600 million	HK\$ 2,526 million	HK\$ 2,525 million	
K	Carbon Neutral Station Design	Sustainable Transit Station	HK\$ 5 million	HK\$5 million	HK\$ 4 million	
Biod	iversity Preservation					
L	Lok Ma Chau Wetland	Biodiversity and conservation	HK\$ 4~5 million per year	HK\$ 28 million (from 2017)	HK\$ 28 million	
		Total:	HK\$ 41,200 million	HK\$ 30,237 million	HK\$ 24,982 million	



### **Use of Proceeds**

The following table lists out how the financing proceeds were allocated to different projects, and the corresponding aggregate Greeenhouse Gas (GHG) emission avoided.

Year	Description/ Identifier/ISIN	Principal Amount				Currei	nt Allo	cation i	n Proj	jects (H	KD mi	llion)				Total GHG emission
Raised		(HKD million equivalent)	A	В	с	D	E	F	G	н	I	J	К	L	м	avoidance (tonnes of CO2e)
Previo	ous financings and all	ocation ag	ggrega	ted												
2016- 2021	Twelve green bonds and two green loan*	22,150	5,425	13,138	700	194	5	731	19	90	1	1,825	4	18	-	48,480
Alloca	tion for financings ra	ised in 20	22													
2022	MTRGB_HKD_240815 HK0000871613	500	-	-	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,760
2022	MTRGB_CNY_240906 HK0000874187	286	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	286	-	-	-	50
2022	MTRGB_CNY_240912 HK0000877156	476	-	476	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	460
2022	MTRGB_HKD_241028 HK0000881935	450	-	250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	940
2022	MTRGB_HKD_241101 HK0000887429	312	-	-	-	-	-	192	-	-	6	104	-	10	-	3,090
2022	MTRGB_HKD_240502 HK0000887635	330	-	12	-	-	16	-	2	-	-	100	-	-	200	790
2022	MTRGB_HKD_241103 HK0000887742	310	-	-	-	-	-	100	-	_	-	210	-	_	-	1,520
2022	MTRGB_HKD_271212 HK0000895661	168	-	168	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	160
Tot	al Financing Amount and Allocation:	24,982	5,425	14,044	1,200	194	21	1,023	21	90	7	2,525	4	28	400	
	Total GHG emission for each project (tonne		19,000	13,700	4,200	680	80	15,200	-	2,100	270	480	-	-	1,400	57,110
	GHG emission per HKD million in		3.51	0.98	3.51	3.51	3.89	14.86	-	23.4	37.26	0.19	-	-	3.51	

\* Please refer to the 2016-2021 reports for the allocation of the financing proceeds raised in previous years. Allocation of outstanding individual financing will not change once assigned.

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### MTR Green Bond, Green Finance and Sustainable Finance Frameworks

MTR set up a **Green Bond Framework** ("GBF") in October 2016. **Sustainalytics** opined that the GBF was in alignment with the four pillars of the Green Bond Principles (2016) established by the International Capital Market Association. Expanding upon the foundation of the GBF, MTR established a **Green Finance Framework** ("GFF") in June 2018 to enable it to include green loan financing in its financing portfolio. The GFF took into account the recommendation of the Green Loan Principles issued by the Asia Pacific Loan Market Association.

In August 2020, a <u>Sustainable Finance Framework</u> ("SFF") was established so that the scope of eligible investments was further broadened to include projects in the development of sustainable urban infrastructure in support of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. A second-party <u>opinion</u> was provided by Sustainalytics on the SFF.

The Frameworks set out how the Corporation uses sustainable finance proceeds to fund or refinance eligible projects and initiatives that enhance long-term service levels and propel ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) targets, as well as the reporting thereon, thereby integrating ESG elements into its financing process.

Summary of the Frameworks are as follows:

### MTR Frameworks:

- MTR Green Bond Framework established in October 2016
- MTR Green Finance Framework established in June 2018
- MTR Sustainable Finance Framework established in August 2020
- · Proceeds of sustainable financings will be used to fund or refinance, in whole or in part, Eligible Investments
- Proceeds of sustainable financings may be used to repay borrowings under MTR's general credit facilities pending allocation to Eligible Investments
- Eligible Green Investments include projects in the following sectors:
  - Renewable Energy
  - Low Carbon Transportation
  - Energy Efficiency
  - Sustainable Transit Stations and Real Estate Properties
  - Adaptation to Climate Change
  - Biodiversity and Conservation
  - Water Management
  - Waste Management
  - Pollution Prevention
- Eligible Social Investments include projects in the following sectors:
  - Relief measures and programmes for employment generation and unemployment prevention for populations adversely affected by unexpected economic disruptions caused by natural disasters or pandemics. Relief measures may include, but are not limited to, rent moratorium for tenants
  - Affordable basic infrastructure, including initiatives, subsidy or investments in:
    - » Projects that support passengers affected by socioeconomic situation including but not limited to relief measures such as fare discount
    - » Sanitation and infection preventative services and equipment at transit stations, trains, buildings, real estates properties, facilities and infrastructure
    - » Projects for the design, construction, maintenance and upgrade of station facilities, services and train environment including but not limited to baby care and breast-feeding rooms for women, accessibility and barrier-free infrastructure and facilities for elderly and special need groups, among others



As there are no material changes in Projects #G, #H, #K, and #L, descriptions of the projects are not repeated here but can be obtained from earlier reports. Computations of the equivalent GHG emission avoided for Projects #A, #B, #C, #D, #G, #H and #M are provided in Appendix 1.

Name of Investment	(#A) Kwun Tong Line Extension
Total Investment Amount	HK\$ 6,900 million
Investment Amount Funded by Sustainable Finance	HK\$ 5,425 million
Category of Eligible Investment	Low Carbon Transportation
Description of Investment	In May 2011, the Company entered into project agreements with the Hong Kong SAR Government to design, construct and operate the Kwun Tong Line Extension ("KTL") and the South Island Line (East) ("SIL").
	KTL extends the existing Kwun Tong Line from Yau Ma Tei station by 2.6km, with two new stations at Ho Man Tin and Whampoa. KTL commenced operation in October 2016.
Benefits of Project	The project provides low carbon transportation services to densely populated areas and helps reduce road traffic congestions experienced by the residents.
Passenger Trips for 2022	44,732,000
	24,200 tonnes CO₂ equivalent at total investment amount
Equivalent Carbon Offset	<b>19,000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent</b> at investment amount funded by sustainable finance.
(GHG Emission Avoided in tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> e)	The methodology for estimating the Carbon Offset for project #A has been amended from 2022 to better reflect the nature of the extension line within the heavy rail network.
Carbon Offset per Million Investment (HK\$)	3.51 tonnes
	<ul> <li>Reduction of road traffic and congestion around the new stations as fewer cars are needed to transport passengers from the area.</li> </ul>
Other Benefits	• Energy conservation measures such as regenerative braking systems, full platform screen doors and efficient chiller equipment were implemented.



Name of Investment	(#B) South Island Line (East)
Total Investment Amount	HK\$ 17,200 million
Investment Amount Funded by Sustainable Finance	HK\$ 14,044 million
Category of Eligible Investment	Low Carbon Transportation
Description of Investment	In May 2011, the Company entered into project agreements with the Hong Kong SAR Government to design, construct and operate the Kwun Tong Line Extension ("KTL") and the South Island Line (East) ("SIL"). SIL is a 7km medium capacity metro line connecting the existing Admiralty station to the Southern District of Hong Kong, with four new stations at Ocean Park, Wong Chuk Hang, Lei Tung and South Horizons. SIL commenced operation in December 2016.
Benefits of Project	The project provides low carbon transportation services to densely populated areas and helps reduce road traffic congestions experienced by the residents. SIL was also designed with environmentally friendly features like regenerative braking and trackside energy storage systems, extended noise barriers and green roofs.
Passenger Trips for 2022	42,336,000
Equivalent Carbon Offset (GHG Emission Avoided in tonnes CO2e)	<b>16,900 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent</b> at total investment amount. <b>13,700 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent</b> at investment amount funded by sustainable finance.
Carbon Offset per Million Investment (HK\$)	0.98 tonnes
Other Benefits	<ul> <li>Estimated 600 kWh of electricity saved annually with the regenerative braking and trackside energy storage systems.</li> <li>Reduction of road traffic and congestion especially at the Aberdeen Tunnel.</li> </ul>



Name of Investment	(#C) Replacement of First-Generation Metro Cammell EMU Trains ("M-Trains")
Total Investment Amount	HK\$ 7,100 million
Investment Amount Funded by Sustainable Finance	HK\$ 1,200 million
Category of Eligible Investment	Low Carbon Transportation
Description of Investment	As part of MTR's long-term asset renewal strategy, 93 eight-car trains were procured to replace some of the first-generation M-trains, which have been in service for decades on Tsuen Wan Line, Kwun Tong Line, Island Line and Tseung Kwan O Line. 19 out of 93 trains have been received and three of them have been put into passenger service while the remaining are undergoing stringent testing and commissioning procedures before being put into service.
Benefit of Project	Some of the first-generation M-trains have reached an age where asset replacement must be carried out to ensure continuity of reliable services and smooth operations.
Equivalent Carbon Offset (GHG Emission Avoided in tonnes CO2e)	<ul> <li>24,900 tonnes of CO₂ equivalent at total investment amount.</li> <li>4,200 tonnes of CO₂ equivalent at investment amount funded by sustainable finance.</li> </ul>
Carbon Offset per Million Investment (HK\$)	3.51 tonnes



Name of Investment	(#D) Replacement of Rail Power Line
Total Investment Amount	HK\$ 4,900 million
Investment Amount Funded by Sustainable Finance	HK\$ 194 million
Category of Eligible Investment	Low Carbon Transportation
Description of Investment	Replacement of High Voltage and Low Voltage rail power line systems for Kwun Tong Line, Tsuen Wan Line and Island Line to maintain the reliability of the power supply system. The replacement also improves energy efficiency by adding Power Convertors to recycle traction power back into the power network.
Benefit of Project	<ul> <li>The replacement is to ensure the reliability of the transport infrastructure over the long term, avoiding break down due to aging of the systems.</li> <li>Enhancements to the existing power system have been added in conjunction with the asset replacement program, including: <ul> <li>Installation of five power converters for power recycling</li> <li>Higher efficiency transformers to reduce power losses</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Equivalent Carbon Offset (GHG Emission Avoided in tonnes CO2e)	<b>17,200 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent</b> at total investment amount. <b>680 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent</b> at investment amount funded by sustainable finance.
Carbon Offset per Million Investment (HK\$)	3.51 tonnes
Other Benefits	<ul> <li>The new power converters and higher efficiency transformers provide the following expected benefits.</li> <li>Power Converter savings: 1.7 GWh / year</li> <li>Transformer savings: 1.6 GWh / year</li> <li>Applying average emission factors of 0.535kgCO<sub>2</sub>e/kWh for CLP<sup>1</sup> and HK Electric<sup>2</sup>, these energy savings would result in avoidance of around 1,700 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e emission when completed. This would further improve the carbon offset but was not included in the calculation of the carbon offset for this project.</li> </ul>

1. CLP emission factors for 2022 : 0.39kgCO\_2e/kWh

2. HKE emission factors for 2022 : 0.68kgCO<sub>2</sub>e/kWh

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Name of Investment	(#E) Battery Locomotives Acqu	uisition			
Total Investment Amount	HK\$ 265 million				
Investment Amount Funded by Sustainable Finance	HK\$ 21 million				
Category of Eligible Investment	Low Carbon Transportation				
Description of Investment	Procurement of 13 battery operated locomotives.	locomotives to replace eight diesel and five old battery			
	The operating efficiency and perform an improvement over the existing die	nance of the new electric-battery locomotives will be esel and battery locomotives.			
	On average, each locomotive is activ	e 8 hours / day			
	For diesel locomotive, approximately	51 litres of diesel is consumed each hour.			
	Diesel consumption per day: 8 x 51L	= 408L			
	Total CO₂e emission per year⁺	= 2.61 * 365 * 408 = 388.7 tonnes			
	For electric-battery locomotive, $CO_2e$ emission is calculated based on average emission factor of the power companies <sup>1,2</sup> .				
Beneficial Environmental Impact Estimate	Electric-Battery Locomotive (old)				
benencial chillionmental impact Estimate	electricity consumption	= 1,408 kWh / day			
	Total $CO_2$ e emission per year	= 365 * 1,408 * 0.535 = 274.9 tonnes			
	Electric-Battery Locomotive (new)				
	electricity consumption	= 1,360 kWh / day			
	Total CO <sub>2</sub> e emission per year	= 365 * 1,360 * 0.535 = 265.6 tonnes			
	Total CO <sub>2</sub> e emission reduction for 13	locomotive replacements			
	= 8 * (388.7 – 265.6) + 5 * (274.9 –265.6) = 1,031.3 tonnes				
Equivalent Carbon Offset (GHG Emission Avoided in tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> e)	0.535kgCO <sub>2</sub> e/kWh for CLP <sup>1</sup> and HK Ele 80 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> equivalent based	sed on the average $CO_2e$ emission factors of ectric <sup>2</sup> at total investment amount. on the average $CO_2e$ emission factors of 0.535kg $CO_2e$ / stment amount funded by sustainable finance.			
Carbon Offset per Million Investment (HK\$)	3.89 tonnes				

1. CLP emission factors for 2022 : 0.39kgCO\_2e/kWh

2. HKE emission factors for 2022 :  $0.68 kg CO_2 e/kWh$ 

<sup>+</sup> Emission of CO<sub>2</sub>e for usage of diesel can be obtained <u>here</u> (report by the Environmental Protection Department and the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department).



Name of Investment	(#M) Replacement of Light Rail Vehicles
Total Investment Amount	HK\$ 980 million
Investment Amount Funded by Sustainable Finance	HK\$ 400 million
Category of Eligible Investment	Low Carbon Transportation
Description of Investment	The project is to purchase 40 new light rail vehicles (LRV) as part of MTR's long-term asset renewal strategy, to replace as well as to add capacity to the existing vehicles (replacing 30 old Phase II LRVs).
Benefit of Project	Asset replacement must be carried out to ensure continuity of reliable services and smooth operations.
Equivalent Carbon Offset (GHG Emission Avoided in tonnes CO₂e)	<b>3,400 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent</b> at total investment amount <b>1,400 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent</b> at amount funded by sustainable finance
Carbon Offset per Million Investment (HK\$)	3.51 tonnes



Name of Investment	(#F) Replacement of Chillers at Stations/Depot Facilities
Total Investment Amount	HK\$ 1,100 million
Investment Amount Funded by Sustainable Finance	HK\$ 1,023 million
Category of Eligible Investment	Energy Efficiency
Description of Investment	The project is to replace a total of 154 chillers at 38 MTR stations and four railway depots with more advanced and environmentally friendly systems by 2023. The new station chillers will provide a more comfortable station environment for passengers, with enhanced energy efficiency using variable-frequency drive inverter technology that could adjust the power output based on the actual temperature detected.
Beneficial Environmental Impact Estimate	With the higher operating efficiency and performance of the new chillers, the total number of chillers needed is reduced. Total energy consumption is expected to be reduced by 30.4 GWh when the project is completed:Estimation of benefit92.1 GWhOld chillers total energy consumption per annum:92.1 GWhNew chillers total energy consumption per annum:61.7 GWhEstimated energy conserved per annum:30.4 GWh
Progress of Investment and Measured Benefits	As of December 2022, all 154 old chillers have been replaced by new chillers. Computation of savings in energy based on specification numbers is at approximately <b>30.4 GWh per year</b>
Equivalent Carbon Offset (GHG Emission Avoided in tonnes CO2e)	<b>16,200 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent</b> based on the average CO <sub>2</sub> e emission factors of 0.535kg CO <sub>2</sub> e/kWh for CLP <sup>1</sup> and HK Electric <sup>2</sup> at total investment amount. <b>15,200 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent</b> based on the average CO <sub>2</sub> e emission factors of 0.535kg CO <sub>2</sub> e/kWh for CLP <sup>1</sup> and HK Electric <sup>2</sup> at investment amount funded by sustainable finance.
Carbon Offset per Million Investment (HK\$)	14.86 tonnes

1. CLP emission factors for 2022 : 0.39kgCO\_2e/kWh

2. HKE emission factors for 2022 : 0.68kgCO<sub>2</sub>e/kWh



Name of Investment	(#I) Regenerative Station Energy Saving Inverter System
Total Investment Amount	HK\$ 8 million
Investment Amount Funded by Sustainable Finance	HK\$ 7 million
Category of Eligible Investment	Energy Efficiency
Description of Investment	Installation of Station Energy Saving Inverter (S-EIV) at Hong Kong University Station (HKU) and Lai King Traction Substation (LKT). The S-EIV converts the regenerative energy produced by the train braking system into 415V low-voltage alternative current electricity that can be consumed by the station facilities, thereby increasing the utilization of regenerative energy and reducing external electricity consumption. At Hong Kong University Station, the installation of the S-EIV also helps to decelerate trains more effectively and improve stopping accuracy at the West Island Line stations.
Beneficial Environmental Impact Estimate	Annual savings estimated in HKU station:170MWhAnnual savings estimated in LKT substation:409MWhTotal electricity saved per annum:579MWh
Equivalent Carbon Offset (GHG Emission Avoided in tonnes CO2e)	<b>310 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent</b> based on the average CO <sub>2</sub> e emission factors of 0.535kgCO <sub>2</sub> e/ kWh for CLP <sup>1</sup> and HK Electric <sup>2</sup> at total investment amount. <b>270 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent</b> based on the average CO <sub>2</sub> e emission factors of 0.535kgCO <sub>2</sub> e/ kWh for CLP <sup>1</sup> and HK Electric <sup>2</sup> at investment amount funded by sustainable finance.
Carbon Offset per Million Investment (HK\$)	37.26 tonnes

1. CLP emission factors for 2022 : 0.39kgCO<sub>2</sub>e/kWh

2. HKE emission factors for 2022 : 0.68kgCO<sub>2</sub>e/kWh



Name of Investment	(#J) Maritime Square	Extension	
Total Investment Amount	HK\$ 2,600 million		
Investment Amount Funded by Sustainable Finance	HK\$ 2,525 million		
Category of Eligible Investment	Sustainable Real Estate Properties		
Description of Investment	It is a shopping mall building with the design of a "Floating Garden" with multi-level accessible green terraces, seamlessly integrated with the interior spaces and a water covered skylight at the roof garden which brings in dynamic natural lighting to the core atrium of the mall interior. Implementation of energy-saving initiatives includes an energy management system, water-cooled air conditioning system with a combination of conventional and oil-free chillers, air lock lobbies and energy efficient lighting.		
Benefits of Project	The project has attained the Beam Plus Silver accreditation, a strong achievement for a non- office commercial building (shopping mall). The energy savings is estimated at 25.9% for the commercial portion and 21.6% for the car park respectively (average 23.8%).		
Beneficial Environmental Impact Estimate	<ul> <li>The annual electricity consumption for the Maritime Square extension for 2022 was 4,083 MWh.</li> <li>While most of energy consumption is at the commercial portion of the mall (versus carpark), conservatively we use the average of the 2 saving rates listed above to compute the total energy saved.</li> <li>Savings of 23.8% amounted to about 1,275MWh (for 2022), equivalent to CO<sub>2</sub>e emission avoidance of 497 tonnes based on CLP's<sup>1</sup> (provider of electricity in Tsing Yi area) CO<sub>2</sub>e emission factor.</li> <li>The following was the recorded energy consumption for 2020-2022.</li> </ul>		
	Year	<b>Electricity Consumption</b>	Energy savings based on
	2020	<b>(MWh)</b> 4,267	average 23.8% rate (MWh) 1,333
	2020	4,451	1,390
	2022	4,083	1,275
	Energy Savings = Consumption/(1-Saving Rate) - Consumption		
Equivalent Carbon Offset (GHG Emission Avoided in tonnes CO2e)	<b>497 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent</b> at total investment amount. <b>480 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent</b> at investment amount funded by sustainable finance.		
Carbon Offset per Million Investment (HK\$)	0.19 tonnes		

1. CLP emission factors for 2022 : 0.39kgCO\_2e/kWh

## Appendix I : Methodology for estimating environmental benefits

### Key approach and assumptions:

The GHG emission avoidance for MTR is calculated with

- The total passenger-km number for the asset of the project.
- The GHG emission reduction versus the next best alternative (local public bus), which is a conservative assumption as passengers are also likely to use alternative means like mini-bus, private cars and taxis, all of which emit more GHG than a local bus.
- GHG Emission avoided =

Number of Passenger-km \* (Emission Factor of Average Bus – Emission Factor of MTR)

The emission factor for MTR trains is computed using the total GHG emission divided by the total number of passenger-km.

The total passenger-km travelled on MTR Heavy Rail system in 2022 was 14,349,896,907 (14,927,416,470 in 2021).

Total GHG emission from railway operation (including fuel consumption, refrigerants, purchased electricity and water consumption) in 2022 was 845,683,000 kgCO<sub>2</sub>e (868,815,000 kgCO<sub>2</sub>e in 2021).

The GHG emission MTR rounds to 0.059kg CO2e/passenger-km (0.058 kgCO2e/passenger-km in 2021).

The emission factor for buses was obtained from a report published by UK Department of Business Energy & Industrial Strategy (DEFRA).

Transport Mode	Emission Factor kgCO₂e per Passenger-km	Reference
Buses (average local bus)	0.0965 (2021: 0.10227)	Defra conversion factor
MTR Railway	0.059 (2021: 0.058)	As computed above

Hence total GHG emission avoidance for the MTR heavy rail transport (excluding Airport Express) rounds out to be:

14,271,361,534 \* (0.0965-0.059) = 535,176 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e

Where 14,271,361,534 is the total passenger-km travelled on MTR heavy rail network excluding Airport Express.

### Incremental Passenger Estimation Method for Project #B

Project #B is an extensions to the MTR network with an ending node. For estimation of the GHG emission avoidance, we assume any usage of the lines (i.e. passengers that used any one of the stations along the lines) as an incremental usage as the train trips would not have happened without the lines. i.e. passengers would have taken additional trip on a bus/car from the previous terminal station, or passengers would have taken outright the full trip on bus/car.

The average travelling distance of each passenger was 10.7km in 2022 (10.5km for 2021). Based on the number of passengers for South Island Line in 2022, the corresponding avoidance of GHG emission is computed as follows:

Annual GHG Emissions Avoided =

(Emission Factor for MTRC – Emission Factor for Local Bus) \* Annual Passenger number \* Average Passenger Distance

In 2022, the annual passenger number was 42,336,000 (2021: 44,611,000).

Hence the annual GHG Emission Avoided is computed to be 16,900 tonnes (2021: 20,700) of CO2 equivalent for the full project amount



### Asset Value based Estimation Method for Projects #A, #C, #D and #M

Project #A was previously evaluated as an extension with an ending node along the Kwun Tong line. Since the Tuen Ma line's opening in mid-2021, one of the stations along the extension (Ho Man Tin Station) has served as an interchange station between Kwun Tong line and the Tuen Ma line, therefore the GHG emission avoidance computation is switched to the asset value based approach to better reflect the station's characteristics.

Projects #C, #D and #M are mid-life asset replacement projects that are crucial to upkeep the operation of the network.

The GHG emission avoidance number for each of these projects is estimated based on the amount of expenditure divided by the Total Asset Value of the MTR rail system (inclusive of KCRC rail system), multiplied by the total GHG emission avoided by the whole system.

• Total Asset Value of the heavy rail system:

HKD 99.5 billion<sup>1</sup> + HKD 52.9 billion<sup>2</sup>

• GHG Emission avoided for project =

Project Investment Amount/Total Asset Value \* GHG Emission Avoidance for MTR Heavy Rail Network

Projects	Current Investment Amount (Total investment amount)	Annual GHG Emissions Avoided [tonnes CO₂e]
#A	HK\$ 5,425 million (HK\$ 6,900 million)	19,000 (24,200 for complete project)
#C	HK\$ 1,200 million (HK\$ 7,100 million)	4,200 (24,900 for complete project)
#D	HK\$ 194 million (HK\$ 4,900 million)	680 (17,200 for complete project)
#M	HK\$ 400 million (HK\$ 980 million)	1,400 (3,400 for complete project)

1. Carry value of railway assets for MTRC as of end 2021 (page 283, 2021 MTRC annual report)

2. Carry value of railway assets for KCRC as of end 2021 (page 52, 2021 KCRC annual report)

### Estimation Computation for Project #G (Trackside Energy Storage (pilot))

Project #G has been estimated to save 600MWh per annum (see earlier reports). The annual estimated GHG emission avoided works out to be 320 tonnes equivalent for the full project based on the average CO<sub>2</sub>e emission factors of both CLP<sup>3</sup> and HK Electric<sup>4</sup>.

### Estimation Computation for Project #H (Smart Intelligent Power Module (R-IPM))

Project #H has been estimated to save estimated 4.3 GWh (by recycling them for use) per annum (see earlier reports). The annual estimated GHG emission avoided works out to be 2,300 tonnes equivalent for the full project (2,100 tonnes for the sustainable finance invested amount) based on the average CO<sub>2</sub>e emission factors of both CLP<sup>3</sup> and HK Electric<sup>4</sup>.

3. CLP emission factors for 2022 : 0.39kgCO<sub>2</sub>e/kWh

4. HKE emission factors for 2022 : 0.68kgCO<sub>2</sub>e/kWh

### Appendix II : Verification Statement



#### **VERIFICATION STATEMENT**

#### **Scope of Verification**

Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency (HKQAA) has been engaged by MTR Corporation Limited ("MTR", Hong Kong stock code: 66) to undertake an independent verification for providing limited assurance on the compliance of the projects included in the green and social project portfolio and financed through the proceeds of 20 MTR Green and/or Social Bonds issued by MTR Corporation (C.I.) Limited (a subsidiary of MTR) and MTR Corporation Limited, and 2 green credit facilities (refer to annex 1 for details) under MTR Sustainable Finance Framework ("Framework"). The scope of HKQAA's verification covers the data and information for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

#### Level of Assurance and Methodology

The process applied in this verification was based on the International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (Revised) – "Assurance Engagement Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information" issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (ISAE 3000). Our evidence gathering process was designed to obtain a limited level of assurance as set out in ISAE 3000 for the purpose of devising the verification.

Our verification procedure performed covered reviewing of relevant documentation, discussing with responsible personnel and verifying the selected representative samples of project, data and information. Raw data and supporting evidence of the selected samples were also thoroughly examined during the verification process.

#### Independence

MTR is responsible for the collection and presentation of the information presented. HKQAA does not involve in calculating, compiling, or development of the Framework. Our verification activities are independent from MTR.

#### Limitations

There are inherent limitations in performing assurance. Assurance engagements are based on selective testing of the information and data being examined. It is possible that fraud, error or non-compliance may occur and not be detected. The assurance did not provide assurance on information outside the defined reporting boundary and period. There are additional inherent risks associated with assurance over non-financial information including reporting against standards which require information to be assured against source data compiled using definitions and estimation methods that are developed by the reporting entity. Finally, adherence to ISAE 3000 is subjective and will be interpreted differently by different stakeholder groups.

Our assurance was limited to the MTR Sustainable Finance Framework post-issuance, and did not include statutory financial statements, financial statements and economic performance. Our assurance is limited to policies and procedures in place as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

#### Conclusion

Based on the procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the selected information as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 has not been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the specified criteria.

#### Signed on behalf of Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency

Connie Sham Head of Audit 11 April 2023 14857179-OTH

Jorine Tam Director, Corporate Business





Annex 1: List of Bonds and Credit Facilities

BONDS		
Issuer name	Name of Bond	
MTR Corporation (C.I.) Limited	MTRCIGB_USD_261102XS1509084775	
MTR Corporation (C.I.) Limited	MTRCIGB_AUD_270628XS1637858546	
MTR Corporation (C.I.) Limited	MTRCIGB_HKD_320920HK0000365228	
MTR Corporation Limited	MTRGB_HKD_470717HK0000352432	
MTR Corporation (C.I.) Limited	MTRCIGB_HKD_470906HK0000362761	
MTR Corporation Limited	MTRGB_USD_470927XS1690683211	
MTR Corporation (C.I.) Limited	MTRCIGB_HKD_480328HK0000409455	
MTR Corporation Limited	MTRGB_USD_300819XS2213668085	
MTR Corporation Limited	MTRGB_HKD_550624HK0000612025	
MTR Corporation Limited	MTRGB_CNY_230408HK0000722089	
MTR Corporation Limited	MTRGB_CNY_240324HK0000707460	
MTR Corporation Limited	MTRGB_CNY_240325HK0000707445	
MTR Corporation Limited	MTRGB_HKD_240815HK0000871613	
MTR Corporation Limited	MTRGB_CNY_240906HK0000874187	
MTR Corporation Limited	MTRGB_CNY_240912HK0000877156	
MTR Corporation Limited	MTRGB_HKD_241028HK0000881935	
MTR Corporation Limited	MTRGB_HKD_241101HK0000887429	
MTR Corporation Limited	MTRGB_HKD_240502HK0000887635	
MTR Corporation Limited	MTRGB_HKD_241103HK0000887742	
MTR Corporation Limited	MTRGB_HKD_271212HK0000895661	
CREDIT FACILITIES		
Year Executed	Identifier	
2020	MTRGL_HKD_250618	
2021	MTRGL_EUR_260111	