Notice of the Commission of Inquiry into Excess Lead Found in Drinking Water

On 13 August 2015, the Chief Executive in Council appointed the Honourable Mr Justice Andrew CHAN Hing-wai, Judge of the Court of First Instance of the High Court, as Commissioner and Chairman, and Mr Alan LAI Nin as Commissioner, of a commission of inquiry under section 2 of the Commissions of Inquiry Ordinance (Cap. 86) ("the Commission"). The terms of reference of the Commission are to:

- (a) ascertain the causes of excess lead found in drinking water in public rental housing developments;
- (b) review and evaluate the adequacy of the present regulatory and monitoring system in respect of drinking water in Hong Kong; and
- (c) make recommendations with regard to the safety of drinking water in Hong Kong.

The Chief Executive in Council has directed that the determination of any criminal or civil liability of any person shall be outside the terms of reference of the Commission.

Any person who has any information relevant to the subject matter of the inquiry is invited to provide such information together with all relevant documents to the Secretariat of the Commission, either by post to 12/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices, Lower Albert Road, Central, Hong Kong, or by fax (2543 6522), or by email (secretariat@coi-drinkingwater.gov.hk). The Commission would be grateful if such information and documents could be provided to the Commission as soon as possible.

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