

Railways Ordinance (Chapter 519)

**Scheme annexed with General Layout Plans Nos.
NOL-G01 to NOL-G29 inclusive;
Land Resumption Plans Nos.
NOL-L01 to NOL-L18 inclusive;
Underground Strata Resumption Plans Nos.
NOL-U01 to NOL-U18 inclusive;
Creation of Rights of Temporary Occupation of Land Plans Nos.
NOL-T01 to NOL-T07 inclusive; and
Control of Building Plans and Commencement of Work Plans Nos.
NOL-P01 to NOL-P06 inclusive
describing the Northern Link Main Line**

General Nature and Effects of the Railway

The Secretary for Transport and Logistics proposes to construct the Northern Link Main Line between the existing Kam Sheung Road Station of the Tuen Ma Line and Kwu Tung Station of the East Rail Line, as described below and shown on General Layout Plans Nos. NOL-G01 to NOL-G29 inclusive; Land Resumption Plans Nos. NOL-L01 to NOL-L18 inclusive; Underground Strata Resumption Plans Nos. NOL-U01 to NOL-U18 inclusive; Creation of Rights of Temporary Occupation of Land Plans Nos. NOL-T01 to NOL-T07 inclusive; and Control of Building Plans and Commencement of Work Plans Nos. NOL-P01 to NOL-P06 inclusive (the 'Plans').

2. The proposed Northern Link Main Line consists of an underground railway of approximately 10.7 kilometres long connecting the proposed railway stations and railway facilities at Kam Tin and adjacent to Kwu Tung Station of the East Rail Line, with three proposed intermediate stations at Au Tau, Ngau Tam Mei and San Tin. The proposed stations at Kam Tin and adjacent to Kwu Tung Station of the East Rail Line will provide an interchange with the existing Tuen Ma Line and the existing East Rail Line respectively. The proposed Northern Link Main Line includes the following works:

- (a) construction of:
 - (i) the underground railway stations and railway facilities at Kam Tin, Au Tau, Ngau Tam Mei, San Tin and adjacent to Kwu Tung Station of the East Rail Line to be constructed under another railway project, and the associated railway station entrances, emergency accesses, emergency vehicular accesses, ventilation shafts and plant rooms;
 - (ii) approximately 2.8 kilometres long underground railway tunnels connecting the proposed railway stations at Kam Tin and Au Tau;

- (iii) approximately 2.3 kilometres long underground railway tunnels connecting the proposed railway stations at Au Tau and Ngau Tam Mei;
 - (iv) approximately 1.7 kilometres long underground railway tunnels connecting the proposed railway stations at Ngau Tam Mei and San Tin;
 - (v) approximately 3.9 kilometres long underground railway tunnels connecting the proposed railway stations at San Tin and adjacent to Kwu Tung Station of the East Rail Line;
 - (vi) means of access for fire-fighting and rescue, means of escape, trackwork, train control, communication facilities, electrical and mechanical plants, and ventilation building at Shui Mei Road, Po Wai, San Tin and Kwu Tung Road;
 - (vii) means of access for fire-fighting and rescue, means of escape, trackwork, train control, communication facilities, and electrical and mechanical plants at Long Ha Tsuen, Ka Lung Road and Pak Shek Au;
 - (viii) the railway depot at Ngau Tam Mei to support stabling and maintenance of trains operating;
 - (ix) approximately 1.0 kilometre long underground railway tunnels connecting the proposed railway depot at Ngau Tam Mei and the proposed underground railway tunnels with intersection at Pok Wai; and
 - (x) approximately 0.6 kilometre long underground railway turnback tunnels connecting the proposed railway station at Kam Tin towards south up to its end at the northern part of the existing Pat Heung Depot;
- (b) modification works of the existing Tuen Ma Line and the existing Pat Heung Depot to facilitate future operation, including:
- (i) modification of railway facilities of the existing Kam Sheung Road Station;
 - (ii) modification of emergency vehicular access of the existing Pat Heung Depot; and
 - (iii) ancillary works including associated electrical and mechanical works, civil works, drainage works, lighting works, noise mitigation works and landscaping works;

- (c) modification works of the existing Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line of East Rail Line to facilitate future operation, including:
 - (i) modification of railway facilities of Kwu Tung Station of the East Rail Line to be constructed under another railway project;
 - (ii) modification of the existing emergency access point near Pak Shek Au; and
 - (iii) ancillary works including associated electrical and mechanical works, civil works, drainage works, lighting works, noise mitigation works and landscaping works;
- (d) railway track formation works, earthworks, civil and structural works, electrical and mechanical works;
- (e) construction of a temporary explosive magazine site near Tai Shu Ha Road West;
- (f) construction of a temporary concrete batching plant at San Tin;
- (g) associated reconstruction, modification and realignment of existing roads and facilities including carriageways, footpaths, footbridges, subways, retaining walls, staircases, cycle tracks, bicycle parking spaces and amenities;
- (h) preventive or remedial works including ground treatment; and
- (i) ancillary works including associated drainage works, waterworks, slope works, landscaping works, other road works, demolition and re-provisioning of existing services and facilities, and demolition of abandoned foundations and facilities.

Land and Underground Strata to be Resumed

3. For the purposes of or incidental to the scheme, the Secretary for Transport and Logistics proposes that powers under section 16 of the Railways Ordinance (the ‘Ordinance’) may be exercised to resume the land as shown on the Land Resumption Plans Nos. NOL-L01 to NOL-L12 inclusive; and resume the underground strata of the land as shown on the Underground Strata Resumption Plans Nos. NOL-U01 to NOL-U16 inclusive. The land proposed to be resumed, for the implementation of the scheme and construction of railway structures are described in the Resumption Area Schedule shown on the Land Resumption Plans Nos. NOL-L13 to NOL-L18 inclusive. The underground strata proposed to be resumed, for the purposes in connection with the

construction of underground bored or mined or drill and blast railway tunnels and railway facilities are described in the Underground Strata Resumption Schedule shown on the Underground Strata Resumption Plans Nos. NOL-U17 to NOL-U18 inclusive. Further notice regarding the resumption will be issued by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (the 'Government') under section 19 of the Ordinance as and when required.

Creation of Rights of Temporary Occupation of Land

4. For the purposes of or incidental to the scheme, the Secretary for Transport and Logistics proposes that powers under section 20 of the Ordinance may be exercised to create, in favour of the Government, rights of temporary occupation of land within the boundaries of the scheme as shown on the Creation of Rights of Temporary Occupation of Land Plans Nos. NOL-T01 to NOL-T06 inclusive; and described in the Temporary Occupation Area Schedule shown on the Creation of Rights of Temporary Occupation of Land Plans No. NOL-T07. An order for the creation of rights of temporary occupation of land may contain such consequential and incidental provisions as appear to the Chief Executive to be necessary or expedient for the purposes of the order including in particular provisions for authorizing persons to enter upon land or building for the purposes of carrying out any operations or installing, maintaining or removing any structures or apparatus. Further notice regarding the creation of such rights will be issued by the Government under section 21 of the Ordinance as and when required.

Roads to be Closed or Substantially Altered

5. For the purposes of or incidental to the scheme, the Secretary for Transport and Logistics proposes that powers under section 22 of the Ordinance may be exercised to authorize the closure or substantial alteration of the roads or part thereof either permanently or temporarily as shown on General Layout Plans Nos. NOL-G01 to NOL-G29 inclusive and to declare that, or the extent to which, and the time at, or duration for which, any public or private right in, upon, under or over the roads is extinguished, modified or restricted. Further notice, setting out the manner in which the roads are to be closed or substantially altered, will be issued by the Government under section 23 of the Ordinance as and when required.

Inspection and Preventive and Remedial Work on Land and Buildings

6. For the purposes of or incidental to the scheme, the Secretary for Transport and Logistics proposes that powers under section 24 of the Ordinance may be exercised to enter any land or building situated wholly or partly within the boundaries of the scheme, or wholly or partly within 70 metres of the boundaries of the scheme to:

- (a)
 - (i) inspect, value, investigate the site or test, including drilling, excavating and installing or removing instruments;
 - (ii) survey or take levels; and
 - (iii) set out any line of works,

for the scheme, an assessment of the value of any land, building or other property or to ascertain the condition of the land or building; and

- (b) carry out all reasonably necessary operations of a preventive or remedial nature.

Further notice, setting out the purpose of the entry and the nature of any operations to be carried out, will be issued by the Government under section 24 of the Ordinance as and when required.

Utility Services

7. For the purposes of the scheme, the Secretary for Transport and Logistics proposes that powers under section 25 of the Ordinance may be exercised to require the owner of any gas, electricity, water or telecommunications service apparatus situated on any unleased Government land to alter the course or position of any wire, line, cable, pipe, tube, casing, duct, post or other apparatus which belongs to or is maintained by that owner and to repair any road surface disturbed by the action. Further notice, setting out the nature of the apparatus, the manner in which the course or position of such apparatus is to be altered and the repair of any road surface, will be issued by the Government under section 25 of the Ordinance as and when required.

Removal of Objects or Structures Attached to or Projecting from Land or Buildings

8. For the purposes of or incidental to the scheme, the Secretary for Transport and Logistics proposes that powers under section 26 of the Ordinance may be exercised to require the owner of any land or building to remove any object or structure which is attached to or projects from the land or building. Further notice, setting out the object or structure to be removed and the period within which the work of removal is to be carried out will be issued by the Government under section 26 of the Ordinance as and when required.

Control of Building Plans and Commencement of Work Incompatible with the Scheme or the Operation or Maintenance of the Railway

9. For the purposes of exercise of the powers of the Building Authority under section 27 of the Ordinance, the Control of Building Plans and Commencement of Work Plans Nos. NOL-P01 to NOL-P06 inclusive show and describe the land on which control of building plans or commencement of building works including building works outside the boundaries of the scheme which are incompatible with the scheme or the operation or maintenance of the railway may be required.

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