Definitions of Terms

Applicant - An individual or company that applies for a Hong Kong Natural Sand Final User Certificate (FUC) or Sand Removal Permit (SRP). The Applicant can be the Importer, Exporter or Final User(s). Once issued, the Applicant will become the Certificate Holder of FUC or the Permittee of SRP.

Certificate Holder - The holder of an FUC.

Construction Project/Contract Number - The number of the construction project or major project that requires the imported sand from the Mainland, if applicable.

Contract No. - The number of the contract agreement between the Exporter and the Importer.

Exporter - An individual or company in the Mainland or other region/country that exports sand to the Importer in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR).

Export Licence of the People's Republic of China (PRC) - The official licence issued by PRC to the Exporter for exporting sand (i.e. the two products with tariff codes "2505100000" and "2505900090" in the Customs Import and Export Tariff of PRC) from the Mainland to HKSAR.

Final User – The sand final user in HKSAR (an individual or company).

Importer - An individual or company in HKSAR that imports sand from the Mainland or other region/country.

Letter of Commitment - The letter signed and returned by the Importer, the Final User(s) and/or all other parties between them, if any, committing not to re-export any quantity of natural sand (i.e. the two products with tariff codes "2505100000" and "2505900090" in the Customs Import and Export Tariff of PRC) imported from the Mainland to other regions or countries outside HKSAR.

Hong Kong Natural Sand Final User Certificate (FUC) - The certificate issued by the Civil Engineering and Development Department and required by the Mainland authorities for their issuance of the Export Licence of PRC.

Non-147 Sand - Sand not covered by the Sand Ordinance (Cap. 147), i.e. sand produced by any quarrying operation or by the washing of other material so as to produce sand.

Permittee - The holder of an SRP.

Project Title - The title of the construction project or major project that requires the imported sand from the Mainland.

Sand Removal Permit (SRP) - The permit issued by the Director of Civil Engineering and Development under the Sand Ordinance (Cap. 147) for removal, importation and/or transportation of sand in HKSAR.

Source of Sand - The origin of sand as indicated on the SRP by the relevant river and the nearest local city.

Unloading Place - The place within HKSAR as shown on the SRP where the imported sand is unloaded.