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## Comment to Acceleration Proposal

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Attention: Mr. Kenny Choi

Dear Sirs.

Construction of Tin Shui Wai Area 106 Phase 2
Contract No. 89 of 1998
Acceleration Cost for Revised Phased Sections

We refer to Hip Hing's letter ref. L0377/H9902-B01/RK dated the 28th June 1999 regarding the quotation for acceleration cost amounting \$4.169M and the discussion at the Meeting on the 21st July 1999. Our comments on Hip Hing's quotation are as follows:-

Additional risk for exposure to LD

The recovery of the total Liquidated Damages upfront for the period of acceleration is considered unreasonable as part of the acceleration cost.

Acceleration for carpark

The hourly rates for workers are considered high and the number of workers involved in the acceleration works is subject to verification.

Additional supervision cost

The supervision cost reckoned by using the total allowance of superintendence in Preliminaries bill is considered excessive for accelerating the structural works of carpark block only.

Additional plant cost

The hourly rate for tower crane operator is considered high.

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## Miscellaneous

The electricity charge is considered excessive taking into account the extra cost involved for night work etc.

In connection with the above comments, we consider the quotation is on the high side whilst our assessment is approximately \$1.100M.

Yours faithfully.

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