MPC Paper No. A/K14/775 For Consideration by the Metro Planning Committee on 4.10.2019

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

<u>APPLICATION NO. A/K14/775</u> (for 1st Deferment)

: Koon Mai Company Limited represented by Ove Arup & Partners Hong **Applicant**

Kong Limited.

: Approved Kwun Tong (South) Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/K14S/22 <u>Plan</u>

: 132 Wai Yip Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon **Application Site**

: About 418.06m² Site Area

: (a) Kwun Tong Inland Lot (KTIL) No. 518 (the Lot) Lease

(b) Restricted for industrial purposes excluding any offensive trades

(c) Maximum height of any structure on the Lot shall not exceed 170 feet

above Principal Datum

: "Other Specified Uses" annotated "Business" ("OU(B)") **Zoning**

> (a) Maximum plot ratio (PR) of 12.0 and maximum building height (BH) of 100 meters above Principal Datum (mPD), or the PR and height of

the existing building, whichever is the greater

(b) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the PR/BH restrictions stated in the Notes of the OZP may be considered by the Town Planning Board (the Board) on application under s.16 of the Town Planning

Ordinance (the Ordinance)

: Proposed Minor Relaxation of PR and BH Restrictions **Application**

1. Background

On 16.8.2019, the applicant submitted an application to seek planning permission under s.16 of the Ordinance for minor relaxation of PR restriction from 12 to 14.4 (i.e. +2.4 or +20%) as well as relaxation of BH restriction from 100mPD to 120mPD (i.e. +20m or +20%) for redevelopment of the existing 11-storey industrial building into a commercial/office development at the application site (Plan A-1). The application is scheduled for consideration by the Metro Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Town Planning Board (the Board) at this meeting.

2. Request for Deferment

On 25.9.2019, the applicant's representative wrote to the Secretary of the Board and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application for two months in order to allow adequate time for preparing further information (FI) to address comments from government departments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The Planning Department <u>has no objection</u> to the request for deferment as the justification for deferment meets the criteria for deferment as set out in the Town Planning Board Guidelines on Deferment of Decision on Representations, Comments, Further Representations and Applications made under the Town Planning Ordinance (TPB PG-No. 33) in that the applicant needs more time to prepare FI in response to departmental comments, the deferment period is not indefinite and the deferment would not affect the interest of relevant parties.
- 3.2 Should the Committee agree to defer making a decision on the application, the application will be submitted to the Committee for consideration within two months upon receipt of FI from the applicant. If the FI submitted by the applicant is not substantial and can be processed within a shorter time, the application could be submitted to an earlier meeting for the Committee's consideration. The applicant should be advised that the Committee has allowed two months for preparation of the submission of FI, and no further deferment would be granted unless under very special circumstances.

4. Decision Sought

The Committee is invited to consider whether or not to accede to the applicant's request for deferment. If the request is not acceded to, the application will be submitted to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

5. Attachments

Appendix I Letter from the applicant's representative received on 25.9.2019

Plan A-1 Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT OCTOBER 2019