MPC Paper No. A/K14/787A For Consideration by the Metro Planning Committee on 18.9.2020

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/K14/787 (for 2nd Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>: Modern Promise Limited represented by PlanPlus Consultancy

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

Application Site : 33 Hung To Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon

Site Area : About 929m²

<u>Lease</u>: Kwun Tong Inland Lot (KTIL) No. 237 (the Lot)

(a) restricted for industrial purposes excluding offensive trades

(b) subject to a non-building area zone up to vertical clearance of 15 ft.

from ground level

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

(a) Maximum plot ratio (PR) of 12.0 and maximum building height (BH) of 160mPD, 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)

Ordinance (the Ordinance

<u>Application</u>: Proposed Minor Relaxation of PR Restriction for Permitted Non-Polluting

Industrial Use (excluding industrial undertakings involving the use/storage

of Dangerous Goods)

1. Background

- 1.1 On 4.5.2020, the applicant submitted an application to seek planning permission under s.16 of the Ordinance for minor relaxation of PR restriction from 12.0 to 14.4 (i.e. +2.4 or +20%) for redevelopment of the existing industrial building (IB) into a 33-storey (including 2 basement levels) IB for permitted non-polluting industrial use (excluding industrial undertakings involving the use/storage of dangerous goods) at the application site (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 26.6.2020, the Metro Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Board agreed to defer a decision as requested by the applicant. After the deferral, the applicant submitted further information (FI) on 4.8.2020. The application is scheduled for consideration by the Committee at this meeting.

2. Request for Deferment

On 8.9.2020, the applicant's representative wrote to the Secretary of the Board and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application for another two months in order to allow time for preparation of FI to address further comments from various government departments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The application has been deferred once for two months at the request of the applicant to allow more time to address departmental comments. Since the first deferment on 26.6.2020, the applicant has submitted FI including responses to departmental comments, revised architectural drawings, landscape plans, and revised technical assessments. As relevant departments have further comments on the submission, the applicant indicated that more time is needed to prepare FI to address those comments.
- 3.2 The Planning Department has no objection 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 to address departmental comments, the proposed deferment period is not indefinite and the deferment would not affect the interest of other relevant parties.
- 3.3 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. Since it is the second deferment of the application, the applicant should be advised that the Committee has allowed a total of four months for preparation of the submission of FI, and no further deferment would be granted unless under very special circumstances.

4. <u>Decision Sought</u>

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 dated on 8.9.2020

Plan A-1 Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT SEPTEMBER 2020