

Note-to-Editors

Press Statement from the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority

(22 February 2017, Hong Kong) The West Kowloon Cultural District Authority (WKCDA) has noted the FactWire's article on the WKCDA's procurement procedures and wishes to make the following statement:

In June 2016, Rocco Design Architects Limited (RDA) was engaged by WKCDA to provide consultancy services under which it would conduct a preliminary technical study of the Mega Performance Venue (MPV) /Exhibition Centre (EC) site (i.e. land parcels P46/P47) and the adjoining U-shaped site for the integrated development of an Exhibition Centre, hotels, offices and a proposed new facility, and to provide a conceptual design for reference and cost estimation. The professional fee involved was HK\$4.5 million. This study was commissioned in response to the Board's advice in November 2015 that further studies on the future use of the P46/47 site should be conducted to facilitate further consideration.

The appointment of RDA was made under WKCDA's Procurement Procedures for Capital Projects (Procurement Procedures) whereby the award of a consultancy agreement with a value of less than HK\$5 million through single tendering is within the delegated authority of the Chief Executive Officer, the Director, Project Control and Executive Director, Finance.

The eight criteria set out in Article 10 of the Procurement Procedures are not exhaustive. They are included as examples to illustrate generally the circumstances under which single or restricted tendering can be adopted in procurement.

It should be noted that the Board as the authority that approves the Procurement Procedures, and for that matter and other WKCDA rules and procedures, retains the discretion to interpret their application and make necessary amendments as and when necessary.

In general, WKCDA will normally adopt Open or Selective tendering for the procurements of consultancy agreement in respect of capital projects.

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About West Kowloon Cultural District

Located on Hong Kong's Victoria Harbour, the West Kowloon Cultural District is one of the largest cultural projects in the world. Its vision is to create a vibrant new cultural quarter for Hong Kong. With a complex of theatres, performance spaces, and M+, the West Kowloon Cultural District will produce and host world-class exhibitions, performances, and cultural events, as well as provide 23 hectares of public open space, including a two kilometre waterfront promenade.