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## **CLP Kicks Start the Largest Guangdong Tree Planting Programme Ever Undertaken by Hong Kong Corporations**

With the support of the Forestry Administration of Guangdong Province, CLP Holdings Limited today pledged to plant 350,000 trees in Longchuan County, Guangdong Province, the area around Dongjiang River, the source of 70% of Hong Kong's fresh water supply, over the next five years in an effort to maintain the environmental integrity of the area and preserve water quality.

The announcement officially marks the opening of the China chapter of CLP's Five Year Regional Tree Planting Programme, the largest tree planting campaign in Guangdong ever undertaken by a Hong Kong corporation. During the Programme CLP will plant a total of 1,000,000 trees in countries and territories where the company does business, including Hong Kong, Mainland China, Australia, India, Thailand and Taiwan. CLP officially launched the initiative last month with the "Plant a Tree, Love the Earth" event in Tuen Mun, Hong Kong.

Mr Peter Greenwood, Executive Director – Strategy for CLP, said at the event, "In addition to maintaining the environmental integrity of the area, the Five Year Regional Tree Planting Programme will also serve to help control the amount of greenhouse gases being emitted to the atmosphere. This will contribute to maintaining quality water in Dongjiang, which people in Hong Kong and Guangdong rely on every day."

Tree planting is a centrepiece of CLP's environmental improvement plan, intended to deliver environmental benefits and to spur people to action in tackling the threats of climate change.

"Planting trees together with CLP to build a forest is a very meaningful thing," said Mr Chen Junqin, Deputy Director-General, Forestry Administration of Guangdong Province. "Today's event shows our common concern and passion for the subject. Forests are important protective shields for our ecology. They are the best reserves of resources in nature. They help regulate the weather, release oxygen, reduce pollution, purify the air, conserve water sources and soil condition, and improve water quality."

The event was officiated by Mr Peter Greenwood, Executive Director – Strategy, CLP; Dr Gail Kendall, Director – Group Environmental Affairs, CLP; Ms Jane Lau, Director – Group Public Affairs, CLP; Mr Richard Li, Head of Renewable Energy – China, CLP; Mr Steven Lau, First Deputy General Manager of Daya Bay Nuclear Power Operations and Management

Co Ltd; Mr Chen Junqin, Deputy Director-General, Forestry Administration of Guangdong Province; Mr Huang Jianzhong, Deputy Mayor, the People's Government of Heyuan Municipality; and Mr He Weiqiang, County Director of Longchuan County. Over 160 CLP staff members and families from Hong Kong and Guangdong Huaji hydropower stations showed their support by planting the initial 700 trees at the site as part of today's launch ceremony.

Late last year, CLP launched its CLP's Climate Vision 2050 – Our Manifesto on Climate Change, where the company voluntarily pledged to reduce the carbon emissions intensity of its generating portfolio by 75% by 2050, and in nearer terms, increase the percentage of its non-carbon emitting generation capacity to 20% by 2020.

### **About CLP Group**

CLP Holdings Limited, a company listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, is the holding company for the CLP Group, which is one of the largest investor-owned power businesses in Asia. Through CLP Power Hong Kong, it operates a vertically integrated electricity supply business in Hong Kong, and provides a highly reliable supply of electricity and excellent customer services to over 5.5 million people in its supply area. The CLP Group also invests in energy businesses outside Hong Kong. It is the largest external investor in the Chinese mainland electricity industry, and a leading international private sector power company in the Asia-Pacific region with an integrated energy business in Australia and interests in generating assets in India, Taiwan and Thailand. Achieving its first renewable energy target in end 2007, three years ahead of schedule, CLP is committed to an interim target of having 20% of its generating capacity from non-carbon emitting sources by 2020, and is actively investing in renewable energy projects in China, Australia and India, focusing mainly on wind, small hydro, biomass and solar.



(From left) Mr Steven Lau, First Deputy General Manager of Daya Bay Nuclear Power Operations and Management Co Ltd; Ms Jane Lau, Director – Group Public Affairs, CLP; Mr Huang Jianzhong, Deputy Mayor, the People's Government of Heyuan Municipality; Mr Peter Greenwood, Executive Director – Strategy of CLP and Mr Chen Junqin, Deputy Director-General, Forestry Administration of

Guangdong Province unveil the China chapter of CLP's Five Year Regional Tree Planting Programme at Longchuan County, the largest tree planting campaign in Guangdong ever undertaken by a Hong Kong corporation.



(From left) Ms Jane Lau, Director – Group Public Affairs, CLP; Mr He Weiqiang, County Director of Longchuan County; Mr Steven Lau, First Deputy General Manager of Daya Bay Nuclear Power Operations and Management Co Ltd; Mr Chen Junqin, Deputy Director-General, Forestry Administration of Guangdong Province; Mr Peter Greenwood, Executive Director – Strategy of CLP Holdings Limited; Mr Huang Jianzhong, Deputy Mayor, the People's Government of Heyuan Municipality; Mr Richard Li, Head of Renewable Energy – China, CLP and Dr Gail Kendall, Director – Group Environmental Affairs, CLP; plant the first seedlings together at the launch ceremony.



Over 160 CLP staff members and families from Hong Kong and Guangdong Huaji hydropower stations pick up their shovels to plant the initial 700 trees at the site as part of the launch ceremony. In five years' time, CLP Holdings Limited will plant 350,000 trees in Longchuan County, contributing to maintaining quality water in Dongjiang, which people in Hong Kong and Guangdong rely on every day.

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