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## **CLP Welcomes Support for Energy Supply from Central Government**

CLP welcomes the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) announced today between the Central Government and the Government of the HKSAR on the continued supply of nuclear energy and natural gas to Hong Kong from the Mainland.

"We see the Central Government's support as a significant and critical new development in ensuring Hong Kong's long-term energy supply and we welcome this as a constructive government-to-government initiative. From our own recent exchanges with the National Development and Reform Commission, we also recognise the commitment of the Central Government to support Hong Kong's prosperity and stability through ensuring the continued provision from the Mainland of both nuclear energy and natural gas," said Mr Andrew Brandler, Chief Executive Officer of the CLP Group.

CLP has been importing both nuclear electricity and natural gas from the Mainland for over a decade and demand for clean energy in Hong Kong continues to grow.

"We need sufficient gas to ensure electricity supply reliability. The commitment to free up and dedicate new supplies from the South China Sea to Hong Kong to replace the dwindling reserves of the Yacheng gasfield is a positive development that will partly fill the gas shortage being faced by us. However, imports of LNG will still be needed to meet our full requirements as our need for clean natural gas continues to grow," added Mr Brandler.

We will need to review with the HKSAR Government the implications of the MOU for the existing proposal to bring LNG to Hong Kong and will study any new options, recognising the Hong Kong LNG terminal project is already at an advanced stage of development and is ready to proceed within the current timeframe.

Securing further supplies of clean energy is a matter of urgency for Hong Kong. CLP looks forward to working with the relevant Mainland enterprises on the commercial principles. We will do all we can to ensure that our common objectives of supply reliability, cost effectiveness and environmental performance are met to support Hong Kong's long-term social and economic development.

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