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Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report on the Proposed Offshore Wind Farm Project Approved

CLP and Wind Prospect today welcome the approval of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report on the proposed offshore wind farm project. The approval represents an important milestone to realising renewable energy in Hong Kong. This marks a conclusion to the efforts CLP and Wind Prospect have put in the environmental assessment. It also signifies that building a commercial scale offshore wind farm of up to 200MW in the south-eastern waters of Hong Kong is environmentally acceptable.

“With this green light on the environmental front, we will soon move on to the rest of the feasibility study of the project. The next phase of the project is the installation of a wind mast at the proposed site, followed by the collection of on-site wind and wave data. We hope a full business case will be ready for assessment by 2011,” said Mr Alex Tancock, General Manager of Wind Prospect HK Ltd.

“We appreciate the meaningful discussion and valuable feedback from the community. The interest in the project was enthusiastic and the positive response was encouraging. We will continue to listen to views and opinion from the public as our feasibility study progresses,” said Mr Joseph Law, Project Manager – Hong Kong Renewable Energy of CLP Power HK Ltd.

This offshore windfarm is in support of Hong Kong Government's 1–2% renewable energy (RE) target and calls from the community for RE. The project will provide clean energy for 80,000 households and will avoid over 300,000 tons of carbon dioxide emission every year.

CLP and Wind Prospect organised project briefings and visits to project site for interested groups over past four years to consult their views. A 30-day public consultation on the project's EIA study ended in early July. Out of about 100 responses CLP received from the public via dedicated project website, 67% expressed support towards the proposed project and believed the move was a good start for Hong Kong.

Wind Prospect began the feasibility study in 2005 and CLP joined as a partner in 2006. This initiative will also contribute to achieving CLP's voluntary target in its Climate Vision 2050 of increasing the non-carbon-emitting generating capacity in the Group's portfolio to 20% by 2020.

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About CLP

CLP Power Hong Kong Limited is the largest electric utility in Hong Kong serving the business and domestic community in Kowloon, the New Territories, Lantau and most of the outlying islands. Operating a vertically integrated electricity generation, transmission and distribution business, CLP Power provides a highly reliable supply of electricity and excellent customer services to over 5.5 million people in its supply area.

Outside Hong Kong, CLP Holdings also invests in energy businesses in Mainland China, Australia, India and Southeast Asia. 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 a diversified portfolio of power generation from gas, coal, renewables and nuclear.

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About Wind Prospect

Wind Prospect is a leading vertically integrated international wind energy company. From its involvement in the second wind farm in the UK in 1992, the company has grown to cover all aspects of wind farm development, construction and operation in Europe, Asia-Pacific and North America. Wind Prospect developed the now operational Burbo Bank 90MW offshore wind farm in the UK and has been involved in hundreds of wind projects across the world.

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