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Legal Advisory and Conveyancing Office (“LACO”)
Circular Memorandum (“CM”) No. 72C

Lands Department Consent Scheme
for sale of residential units in uncompleted developments

With the enactment of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Ordinance (Cap. 623) (“the Ordinance”), the standard form of Agreement for Sale and Purchase (“ASP”) in respect of sale of uncompleted units in residential developments has been revised to incorporate a new clause in relation to the Ordinance. With immediate effect, the revised form of ASP shall be adopted for all ongoing and new applications for consent to sell uncompleted residential units.

In respect of cases where consent has already been given, amendment to the approved form of ASP by incorporating the new clause in relation to the Ordinance, whether an addition or a replacement, may be made without reference to LACO. To this extent, approval to the amendment to the approved form of ASP shall be deemed to be given by the Director of Lands under the relevant consent letter.

In addition, certain refinements or updating of the Lands Department Consent Scheme for sale of residential units in uncompleted developments are required. They include –

- (a) To expedite the process, LACO will aim at (i) issuing the first round of comments within one calendar month of receipt of an application; and (ii) replying to the applicant’s solicitors within 2 weeks of receipt of the response from them for subsequent rounds of correspondence.
- (b) To ensure proper prioritization in the processing of the applications received, LACO would devote staff time to those applications which are active, and applications which are inactive may be regarded as withdrawn.
- (c) The 24-hour hotline on “Consent to sell Residential Units” will cease to operate with effect from 4 July 2016. LACO continues to issue monthly and quarterly

reports to provide information on “Consent to sell Residential Units”. Members of the public may visit Lands Department website www.landso.gov.hk to obtain the information.

The Annex and Appendix I, Appendix III, Appendix IV and Appendix XII to the Annex attached to LACO CM No. 72B are revised to reflect the changes. For ease of reference, the revised Annex and all Appendices thereto are attached hereto. Save as specified in (c) above, the changes will take immediate effect. Except as varied by this CM, LACO CM Nos. 72, 72A and 72B remain in full force and effect.

Copies of this CM and the attachments may be downloaded from the Lands Department website www.landso.gov.hk.



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