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Dear Mr Lam,

Independent Functional Constituency for the
Industrial Testing and Inspection Services

I am writing in the capacity of the Chairman of the Hong Kong Association of Certification Laboratories Ltd (HKACL) which represents more than 10,000 testing and inspection professionals. We sincerely ask for your kind consideration of establishing an independent functional constituency for the profession of industrial testing and inspection services under the Legislative Council.

Let me first give you some background of our association and profession. HKACL was founded in 1981 by a group of product testing and certification laboratories in recognition of the growing importance of profession in supporting industrial development in Hong Kong. (You may like to read more about our association from the leaflet enclosed.) We are glad to see that there are now 120 testing laboratories accredited by the Hong Kong Laboratory Accreditation Scheme (HOKLAS) operated by the Hong Kong Accreditation Service. These laboratories include domestic commercial laboratories, domestic non-profit laboratories, and international laboratories with proprietary or recognized testing standards.

With the hard work of all colleagues in the profession, the standard of the testing laboratories in Hong Kong has earned international recognition from buyers all over the world. This is certainly an important asset to our industry. It allows timely, cost-effective and recognized tests to be done locally and contributes significantly to

