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瑞安建築有限公司
SHUI ON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED

The Secretariat
Constitutional Development Task Force
Constitutional Affairs Bureau
3/F., Main Wing, Central Government Offices
Lower Albert Road, Hong Kong

Dear Sirs,

The Fourth Report of the Constitutional Development Task Force

With regard to the questions raised in the Fourth Report on the forming of the Legislative Council in 2008 our views are in the following.

1. The number of seats should be increased to enhance the representativeness of the Legislative Council.
2. The Functional Constituency should be retained and the number of seats should be increased accordingly. The criteria for a Functional Constituency seat should be based on the contribution of the industry/sector to the society and the economy.
3. We strongly request that the construction industry should have its individual seat in the Functional Constituencies. Our view is based on the following reasons:
 - a.) Construction industry is the main pillar of the HK's economy and represents 5% HK's GDP with the value of construction work at construction sites around 60 billions last year.
 - b.) The industry employs 300,000 people. It is estimated that the construction industry has a direct impact on over hundred thousands' families with more than a million population, i.e. about 6% of the total population.
4. Corporate voting arrangement should be retained for the Functional Constituency seats. In the case of our industry, many of our corporate voters are professionals and in senior managerial positions. They believe in partnership and team spirit, which are the core values of Hong Kong, and they will continue put them into practice.

Yours sincerely,

For and on behalf of
瑞安建築有限公司
SHUI ON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED

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