RNTPC Paper No. A/NE-FTA/234 For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 27.10.2023

<u>APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION</u> <u>UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE</u>

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(for 1st Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	:	Kinform Timber Company Limited represented by R-riches Property Consultants Limited
<u>Site</u>	:	Lots 580 S.B, 581 (Part), 582 (Part), 583, 584 RP in D.D. 89 and Adjoining Government Land (GL), Man Kam To Road, Sha Ling, New Territories
<u>Site Area</u>	:	About 5,548m ² (Includes GL of about 676m ²)
<u>Lease</u>	:	(i) Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use) (about 88% of the Site)
		(ii) GL (about 12% of the Site)
<u>Plan</u>	:	Draft Fu Tei Au and Sha Ling Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/NE-FTA/17
Zoning	:	"Agriculture"
Application	:	Proposed Temporary Rural Workshop (Timber Yard and Sawmill) with Ancillary Facilities for a Period of Three Years and Associated Filling of Land

1. <u>Background</u>

On 31.8.2023, the applicant submitted the current application to seek planning permission for a proposed temporary rural workshop (timber yard and sawmill) with ancillary facilities for a period of three years and associated filling of land at the application site (**Plan A-1**).

2. <u>Request for Deferment</u>

On 16.10.2023, the applicant wrote to the Secretary of the Town Planning Board to request for deferred consideration of the application for two months in order to prepare further information (FI) to response to the departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

3. <u>Planning Department's Views</u>

3.1 The Planning Department <u>has no objection</u> to the request for the first deferment as the justification for deferment meets the criteria for deferment as set out in the Town Planning

Board Guidelines on Deferment of Decision on Representations, Comments, Further Representations and Applications made under the Town Planning Ordinance (TPB PG-No. 33A) in that the deferment would allow the applicant to prepare FI to address outstanding issues.

3.2 Should the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) agree to defer a decision on the application, the application will be submitted to the Committee for consideration within two months upon receipt of further submission from the applicant. If the FI submitted by the applicant is not substantial and could be processed within a shorter time, the application could be submitted to an earlier meeting for the Committee's consideration. The applicant should be advised that the Committee has allowed two months for preparation of the submission of FI, and no further deferment would be granted unless under very special circumstances.

4. Decision Sought

The Committee is invited to consider whether or not to accede to the applicant's request for deferment. If the request is not acceded to, the application will be submitted for the Committee's consideration at the next meeting.

5. <u>Attachments</u>

Appendix ILetter dated 16.10.2023 from the applicantPlan A-1Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT OCTOBER 2023