RNTPC Paper No. A/NE-MKT/38 For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 6.9.2024

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

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(for 1st Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	: Go Shing (Hopewell) Industrial Limited
<u>Site</u>	: Lot 610 S.A RP in D.D. 90, Lin Ma Hang Road, Man Kam To, New Territories
<u>Site Area</u>	: About $390m^2$
Lease	: Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
<u>Plan</u>	: Approved Man Kam To Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/NE-MKT/4
Zoning	: "Agriculture" ("AGR")
Application	: Proposed Temporary Office for a Period of Three Years

1. <u>Background</u>

On 19.7.2024, the applicant submitted the current application to seek planning permission for proposed temporary office for a period of three years at the application site (**Plan A-1**). The application is scheduled for consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) at this meeting.

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

On 21.8.2024, the applicant wrote to the Secretary of the Town Planning Board (the Board) and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application for two months in order to prepare further information (FI) to address 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, Further Representations and Applications made under the Town Planning Ordinance (TPB PG-No. 33B) in that the deferment would allow the applicant to prepare FI to address outstanding issues.
- 3.2. Should 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 FI 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 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. Attachments

Appendix I	Email dated 21.8.2024 from the applicant
Plan A-1	Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT SEPTEMBER 2024