RNTPC Paper No. A/YL-PN/69A For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 13.10.2023

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. A/YL-PN/69

(for 2nd Deferment)

Applicant : Topgold Holdings Limited represented by R-riches Property Consultants

Limited

<u>Site</u>: Lot 8 (Part) in D.D. 135, Sheung Pak Nai, Yuen Long, New Territories

Site Area : About 4,904m²

<u>Lease</u> : Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)

<u>Plan</u>: Approved Sheung Pak Nai and Ha Pak Nai Outline Zoning Plan (OZP)

No. S/YL-PN/9

Zoning : "Agriculture" ("AGR")

Application: Proposed Temporary Warehouse for Storage of Household Goods for a

Period of 3 Years and Filling of Land

1. Background

- 1.1 On 25.4.2023, the applicant sought planning permission for proposed temporary warehouse for storage of household goods for a period of 3 years and filling of land at the application site (the Site) (**Plan A-1**).
- 1.2 On 23.6.2023, the Rural and New Town Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Town Planning Board (the Board) agreed to defer making a decision on the application for two months, as requested by the applicant, to allow time for the applicant to prepare further information (FI) to address departmental comments.
- 1.3 On 23.8.2023, the applicant submitted an FI to address departmental comments. The application is scheduled for consideration by the Committee at this meeting.

2. Request for Deferment

On 6.10.2023, the applicant's representative 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 allow time for preparation of FI to address departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

- 3.1 The Planning Department has <u>no objection</u> to the request for the second 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 this is the second deferment requested by the applicant and 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 can 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 a total period of four months for preparation of submission of FI. The second deferment should be the last deferment and no further deferment would be granted unless under very special circumstances and supported with strong justifications.

4. <u>Decision Sought</u>

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 to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

5. Attachments

Appendix I Letter of 6.10.2023 from the applicant's representative

Plan A-1 Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT OCTOBER 2023