RNTPC Paper No. A/YL-SK/350 For Consideration by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee on 27.10.2023

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

<u>APPLICATION NO. A/YL-SK/350</u> (for 1st Deferment)

<u>Applicant</u>	Universal Chemical Enterprises represented by KTA Planning Limited
<u>Site</u>	Lots 987 and 988 in D.D. 106 and Adjoining Government Land, Shek Kong, Yuen Long, New Territories
<u>Site Area</u>	About 4,940.3m ² (including about 58.1m ² of Government land (about 1.2%))
<u>Lease</u>	Block Government Lease (demised for agricultural use)
<u>Plan</u>	Approved Shek Kong Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/YL-SK/9
Zoning	"Agriculture" ("AGR")
Application	Proposed Temporary Open Storage of Electric Vehicles with Charging Facilities and Ancillary Site Office for a Period of 3 Years

1 Background

On 20.7.2023, the applicant submitted the application to seek planning permission for proposed temporary open storage of electric vehicles with charging facilities and ancillary site office for a period of 3 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 19.10.2023, 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 so as to allow time for preparation of further information in response to 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 justifications for deferment meet 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 further information to address outstanding issues.

3.2 Should the Committee agree to defer making 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 further information 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 further information, 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 to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

5 <u>Attachments</u>

Appendix I	Letter from the applicant dated 19.10.2023
Plan A-1	Location Plan

PLANNING DEPARTMENT OCTOBER 2023