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Dear All,

You would have seen District Lands Office's (DLO) notice about the proposed archaeological investigations to be conducted in and around Mo Tat, Yung Shue Ha and Tung O. These are works required for the Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) in conjunction with the proposed development in Tung O. Early last year, our consultant ERM had completed a Cultural and Heritage Impact Assessment of the area (preliminary report can be downloaded in our website). Consequently, after a year of discussion, we have now obtained the licence from the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) to hand dig trial pits and drill auger holes to verify whether there are objects of archaeological significance within the area proposed for development. The works will be conducted by a qualified archaeologist in strict compliance with government standards and guidelines. The proposed investigation will be carried out over the areas shown in Figure 1 and the grounds affected will be reinstated afterwards. The works will be carried out in two stages. The first will focus on those land owned by us while the second stage will be on government land after the necessary excavation permit is obtained.

All archaeological objects found and identified will be recorded, dated, mapped, sorted and photographed or drawn. They will be handed over to AMO together with a report in the prescribed format. The proposed methodology as well as the details of the auger holes and trial pit location can be viewed at our website.



Figure 1

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Pilot Conservation Project

We are planning to undertake a "pilot conservation project" at an old village site at Yung Shue Ha by restoring 2 dilapidated villagae buildings. Similar materials and construction techniques will be employed and the buildings shall be restored to its previous condition. We will use these restored buildings as a visitors' centre to display settlement history of Lamma Island and life style of the indigenous villagers in the last century. The farmland, woodland and stream course adjacent to these houses are also considered for restoration to demonstrate traditional techniques, tools and food crops. The stream course and the adjacent woodland habitats can also serve as an outdoor conservation education trail. These are only preliminary thoughts, and suggestions/ideas are most welcome (please send to enquiry@bol-hk.com). We hope to finalise the proposal in two months' time, and consultants with proven track record and experience will be employed to prepare the detailed proposal and to seek necessary approvals for execution of the project. Meanwhile, we shall put up a stone plaque with a very brief history of Yung Shue Ha village to kick start the project.



Welcome Students from City University and HKUST

We welcome 4 students from the City University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) as summer interns. These students are winners of the BEC Low-Carbon Home 2011-2012 organised by Business Environment Council, and those of Eco-Business Innovation Award organised by the students of HKUST. Both programmes were sponsored by Agile Property Holdings Limited. The interns will be involved in the above Pilot Conservation Project, as well as research on green designs, among other exposures.

We will continue to share the project's latest news and related information through this platform and our official website (www.bol-hk.com). If you have any suggestions or inquiries, please feel free to contact us through enquiry@bol-hk.com.



Yours Sincerely, The Baroque on Lamma