

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN THE
DEVELOPMENT OF A POULTRY SLAUGHTERING
AND PROCESSING PLANT IN HONG KONG

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region ('the Government') has decided to develop a poultry slaughtering and processing plant (hereafter called 'the Plant') as a fundamental and long-term measure to minimize the risk of human infection of avian influenza through complete segregation of live poultry from humans. The Government has identified a suitable site in Sheung Shui for the development of the Plant under a Build, Own, Operate and Transfer approach (hereafter called 'the Project'). The Government will make available the site whereas the operator will have to design, build, operate, manage and maintain the Plant at its own cost. The Government intends to have the Plant coming into operation in 2009/10. It is envisaged that the Plant would have a maximum slaughtering capacity of 60 000 live chickens as well as separate processing line for 3 000 pigeons and other small sized poultry such as chukar, guinea fowl and pheasant (excluding quail) the maximum each day.

The Government now invites the private sector to express its interest in implementing the Project so as to obtain up-to-date information and feedback from the private sector on the availability of prospective operators and the views of prospective operators on the operational and commercial arrangements for the Project to be delivered under the Build, Own, Operate and Transfer arrangement.

Interested parties should prepare their expression of interest (hereafter called 'EOIs') in English or Chinese in accordance with the outline of an EOI submission attached to the invitation document. Five copies of the EOIs in a sealed envelope marked 'Invitation for Expression of Interest in the Development of a Poultry Slaughtering and Processing Plant in Hong Kong' should reach the following office before 6.00 p.m. (Hong Kong time) on 22 January 2007 either by post or in person:—

Health, Welfare and Food Bureau
Food and Environmental Hygiene Division
The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
Room 2009, 20th Floor
Murray Building
Garden Road
Central
Hong Kong

The invitation document can be downloaded at www.hwfb.gov.hk or obtained during office hours from the Health, Welfare and Food Bureau (hereafter called 'HWFB') at the above address. Any enquiries relating to the invitation should be made in writing and sent to HWFB at the above address or by fax on (852) 2136 3281.

This invitation is not a pre-qualification exercise to shortlist or pre-qualify any potential bidders for the development of the Plant. Save in relation to intellectual property rights as described in the invitation, this invitation does not create any legal obligations on the Government.

22 December 2006

York Y. N. CHOW *Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food*