

## **Project Completion and Proposed Variations of ECF-Funded Research, Technology Demonstration and Conference Projects**

### **Purpose**

This paper seeks Members' consideration of the proposed variations to details of two research projects funded by the Environment and Conservation Fund (ECF) as set out in paragraph 4 below, and endorsement of the completion of these projects.

### **Background**

2. According to the procedures of the ECF Environmental Research, Technology Demonstration and Conference funding scheme, the recipient organization is required to submit a completion report<sup>1</sup> and a final report<sup>2</sup> to the ECF Research Project Vetting Subcommittee (RPVSC) upon project completion for assessment of the success or effectiveness of the project by comparing the project results against its original objectives and targets as set out in the original project proposal.

3. Two projects have been completed and are now ready for Members' consideration. The Principal Investigators (PI) of these two projects have also taken the opportunity to seek Members' approval for various proposed budget variations before finalizing their project accounts.

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<sup>1</sup> Each recipient organization is required to submit a completion report upon project completion for RPVSC's consideration. The completion report provides a brief summary of the project, including project results, problem encountered during the project period, financial report etc.

<sup>2</sup> The final report provides details of the project objectives and research methodology, and summarizes all the research work and findings of the project. For projects receiving a grant over HK\$250,000 where the application was submitted before April 2010, and projects receiving a grant over HK\$500,000 where the application was submitted on or after April 2010, the PI is required to submit a final report upon project completion. For other projects, no final report is required. The Secretariat would arrange an independent evaluation on the results of the project with the use of the final report and other related documents.

**Proposed project variations and project completion**

4. The proposed project variations for the four projects are as follows:

<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Proposed Variation</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
ECF Project 11/2008	Antibiotics and antibiotic resistant genes in potable water and soil environments of Hong Kong	Revision of the approved manpower for the budget, and budget re-allocation for meeting the deficit in funding for this budget item	Details are at Appendix 1
ECF Project 12/2008	The impacts of south china monsoon climate variability and El Niño on Hong Kong air quality	Revision of the approved manpower for the budget, and budget re-allocation for meeting the deficit in funding for this budget item	Details are at Appendix 2

5. Separately, the Secretariat has arranged for completion reports, final reports and financial statements received from the two PIs to be reviewed by relevant department(s). Details are also provided in the respective Appendices mentioned in para.4 above.

**Advice Sought**

6. Members are invited to consider:

- (a) whether the proposed variations set out in para. 4 above and as detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 should be approved; and
- (b) subject to Members' views on the proposed project variations requested at para. 6(a) above, whether these projects are considered to have been completed satisfactorily and hence project completion should be endorsed.

**Secretariat, ECF Research Projects Vetting Subcommittee**  
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