

## COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

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*Ruling: as to participation and legal representation*

(made at the Preliminary Hearing on 5 December 2012)

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1. The Commission has received written requests from solicitors acting for various persons inviting the Commission to determine that they may participate in and be legally represented at the prospective hearings.

Such requests have been made by:

- (i) Messrs Reed Smith Richards Butler on behalf of The Hong Kong Electric Company Limited and the crew of the vessel *‘Lamma IV’*, namely Mr Chow Chi Wai (the coxswain), Mr Leung Tai Yau (the engineer) and Mr Leung Piu Sang (a sailor);
- (ii) Messrs Holman Fenwick Willan on behalf of Islands Ferry Company Limited, Hong Kong & Kowloon Ferry Holdings Limited and the crew of the vessel *‘Sea Smooth’* namely Mr Lai Sai Ming (the coxswain), Mr Lo Pui Kay (the engineer), Mr Wong Yung Shing and Mr Wong Tai Yau (both sailors);  
and
- (iii) the Department of Justice on behalf of the Government, including the Director of Marine, the Director of Fire Services and the Commissioner of Police.

*Determination*

2. The Commission is satisfied that all the persons represented by Reed Smith Richards Butler and Holman Fenwick Willan are persons affected by the Inquiry such that, pursuant to section 6 (1) and (2) of the Commissions of Inquiry Ordinance, Cap.86, they may participate and be legally represented at the inquiry. Similarly, the Commission is satisfied that, pursuant to section 6 (3) of that Ordinance, the Director of Marine, the Director of Fire Services and the Commissioner of Police may participate and be legally represented at the inquiry.

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Corrigendum

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Please note the following amendment in the ruling made on  
5 December 2012:

Paragraph 1(i) on page 1:

Lines 4 and 5, amend “Mr Leung Tai Yau (the engineer) and  
Mr Leung Piu Sang (a sailor);” to read “Mr Leung Pui Sang (the  
engineer) and Mr Leung Tai Yau (a sailor);”

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> December 2012.

(Laurie Lo)  
Secretary, Commission of Inquiry