

Executive Summary

Landscape and visual monitoring and site audits were carried on 7th and 21st March 2007. Site formation, shaping and planting works are being carried out at present. The Contractor shall take measures to improve the condition of damaged trees described in this report and provide adequate watering to newly planted shrubs and transplanted trees in the dry season.

Landscape and Visual

The eroded slopes at the southern side of stream A next to hole 10 and at the northern side of stream A above hole 17 were hydroseeded in mid-March 2007. Since the area of the slope is large, vegetation protection for the slope surface is essential to minimize soil erosion. The Contractor shall provide adequate water to the hydroseeded grass to ensure germination and quick coverage. The visual impact from the eroded slope is expected to be greatly mitigated after the hydroseeded grass germinated.

Environmental Site Auditing

Shrub seedlings were planted on slopes of Holes 5 and 8. The newly planted shrubs are in fair health. Health condition of hydroseeded grass has declined due to the dry climate. The Contractor shall irrigate all the plants more frequently. The base of Hole 8 Green was shaped and base materials were ready. Sod is expected to be laid in April and the visual impact to the golfer will be greatly reduced afterward. Damaged trees next to the administration building were still unprotected after being damaged by the adjacent construction activities.

All transplanted trees were in fair condition except for T848. Mal-pruning of transplanted trees has not been rectified. Construction material was stockpiled within tree protection zones. A statement on the cause of death of tree T925 recorded in the last report is still outstanding.

Recommendations and Conclusion

Regarding the retained trees, the Contractor shall take the following measures:

- Carry out surgery to damaged trees;
- Report the cause of death of tree T925;
- Maintain the tree protection zone required and remove all construction material / debris from the tree protection zone;
- More frequent watering for transplanted trees and hydroseeded grass; and
- Rectify the mal-pruning practice of the transplanted trees.