Summary of Decisions of the Structural Engineering Committee SEC Meeting 10/2019 held on 17.9.2019

Case 41/2019

Issue: The reduction of vertical compression load on foundation of

APM/BHS underground tunnel due to ground water uplift

Recommendation: 1. To accept the proposal of using groundwater uplift for

reduction of vertical compression loads on foundation of

underground tunnel.

Decision: Having noted the background information and arguments together

with RSE's supervision and the clarifications, members endorsed the recommendation on a case-by-case basis subject to the

following additional conditions:

(a) Detailed design calculation to ensure the most adverse

load combinations have been taken into account; and

(b) Adequate precautionary measures against flooding within the tunnel and adequate monitoring works for

groundwater table to be carried out.