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Our ref: I-ABP-101

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Dear Paul

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I write in relation to my assignment to review and comment the Environmental Impact Statement and the Natura Impact Statement for the proposed expansion of the port of Galway, and the request from the Board to the developer to provide further information, dated the 27th May 2014 (reference 61.PA033).

This was a request to provide further information on alternatives, noise and vibration, hydrology, ecology and nature conservation issues. It is my considered opinion as a marine ecologist that this request of information was necessary, and based on an objective appraisal of the original documents submitted by the developer, which fell short of providing all the information necessary to undertake a meaningful assessment of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed development.

Yours sincerely,

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