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Ref: New Port Development, Galway Docks

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To whom it may concern.

This letter outlines that the Harbour Hotel, Galway city endorses the planning application to extend the current port. In support of this we offer the below points.

- We feel that with the extension of the docks in place, allowing cruise ships to moor and passengers to walk ashore, that this will help increase current levels of business due to increased footfall passing the hotel

- We beleive that with the increase in regular ships that call to the harbour, this will result in an increase in overnights stays for the likes of technicians attending to the ships etc.

- As part of the Lalco Hotel Group, we also operate Kylemore Abbey (Connemara) and Glenlo Abbey Hotel, Bushy Park. With this increase in visitors, we would project an increase in coach tours within the region providing an excellent local economic boost both to these other properties and the region as a whole.

- By moving the commercial ships to the new facility, this should allow the inner harbour the potential to attract further global water/sailing events such as The Tall Ships Racing and other maritime events such as The Clipper Round The World Yacht Race, Volvo Ocean Race, Velux 5 Oceans Race etc.

- The extension we beleive will create a number of jobs during the construction process. As a very close, neighbouring business, again we would hope to see an increase in the use of hotel facilities such as accommodation, food and beverage outlets and meeting room facilities.

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- The development will see the change of the lay out of the road network near to our hotel, improving access and making it safer for pedestrians and cyclists.

- This will be viewed by many as not only an extension to the port/docks but an extension to the City of Galway, the city centre will receive an extra limb if you like, this will make the area a much more attractive option for locals, visitors and business alike and will assist in providing a much needed re-vamp to this part of the city.

- Finally, a redvelopment of this nature have a huge & positive financial impact on the city, increasing visitor numbers will help provide a much need boost to the local economy and will assist in placing Ireland and Galway further up on the globel map.

I trust the points above will be taken into account and assist in the favrouable outcome in support of the plans ahead.

Please find enclosed a cheque for €50

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitato to contact me.

Yours Sincerley

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