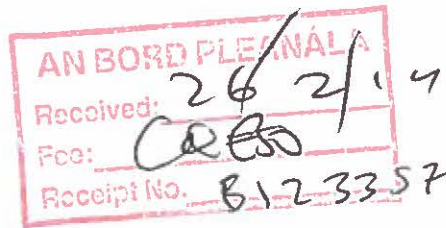




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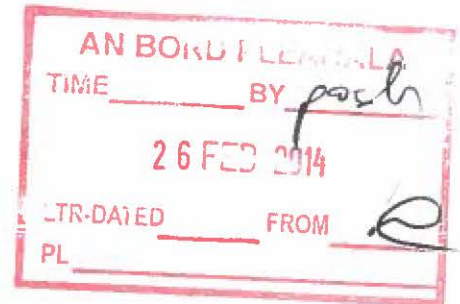
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To whom it may concern,

As General Manager of The House Hotel I welcome the Galway Harbour Company's application with An Bord Pleanála to extend the port facilities.

The House Hotel is a four star boutique hotel located on Merchant's Road, adjacent to the Galway Harbour. The House Hotel is built in the existing walls of a former harbour store & yard when cargoes from ships were landed and then traded in the town and region.

Our proximity to the harbour has ensured business from visiting ships as many repair technicians, surveyors avail of our hotel whilst attending ships.

We feel that the planned infrastructure is necessary for the future prosperity of our hotel business and the improvement of our city.

Following the success, events such as the Volvo Ocean Race also attributed to the incredible influx of tourists to the city and not just during the period of the race stopovers but also by attracting global media attention to our shore. Maritime festivals are a welcome economic injection into the hospitality sector and Galway Harbour is quite unique in this regard because of its location in the city and I understand from the local press that the port company is hoping to attract the Tall Ships Race to Galway for 2018.

In 2013 we experienced substantial business following the arrival of a number of cruise ships into the city and we believe that this is certainly an area that Galway can build on to increase our tourism figures.

Yours sincerely,

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