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SUBJECT: SUBMISSION RE PLANNING REF No 61. PC0150 (PL61.PA0033)

GALWAY HARBOUR EXTENSION

Dear Secretary,

We wish to make a submission in support of the Galway Harbour Company's plan to develop Galway Harbour. It is our strong belief that the additional business that can be secured for Galway City, County and hinterland through the Cruise Line business will be significant in the years after the development is complete.

We have worked with the Harbour Company over the last 2 years on familiarisation visits for Cruise Line Executives to Galway City, The Aran Islands, Connemara, North Galway, & The Burren and the feedback has been very positive and very strong for future visits. We have worked with Semester at Sea, whose ship MV Explorer is known as the Floating University, and they brought over 400 well healed students to Galway on the ship in 2012 as part of their University course. They found the tendering process (transferring from ship to shore on small boats) uncomfortable in the bad weather on arrival in Galway but their positive experiences while ashore had them state that they would return to Galway when the harbour development was completed. Some of the students on board are business and political leaders of the future and they will be back with corporate and leisure groups of their own.

We believe that the development of Galway Harbour will make a significant contribution to the increase of tourism in the West of Ireland which is part of the designated BMW Region supported by Ireland and the EU.

Thank you for considering our submission and please confirm receipt of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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