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RE: GALWAY HARBOUR EXTENSION PI 61.PA.0033

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to you in relation to the planning application made by Galway Harbour Company to extend the harbour at Galway.

I am fully supportive of this planning application.

eGroup Communications, Inc. is an electronic messaging database company serving the interests of travel agents, cruise operators, the travel industry generally and tourism executives. We have been following developments in Galway for a number of years with interest. The new port extension as I understand it will result in cruise ships being able to moor in the city of Galway. This is a major advantage against ships having to anchor and tender their passengers ashore. eGroup Communications, Inc. represents Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines, Norwegian Cruise Lines, Seaborne Cruises, Cunard Line, Compagnie du Ponant, Crystal Cruises, Hapag Lloyd, Holland America Line and Windstar Cruises to mention a few. Our clients are excited about the potential to bring their ships to Galway at the new marine facility.

Our extensive knowledge of Ireland tells us that Galway's location on the west coast, straddling a medieval city, Connemara to the west and the Burren to the south and the Aran Islands at the mouth of Galway Bay is the most idyllic bilingual destination in Western Europe for these cruise ships.

I am very confident that Galway can attract 30 cruise ships annually and deliver up to 65,000 passengers into the city and region when this deep water port is constructed.

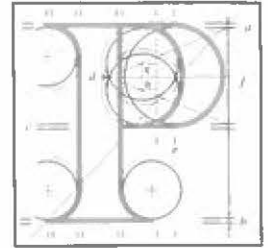
I look forward to an affirmative conclusion to the planning procedure and to welcome the first of many cruise ships into Galway when construction is complete.

Yours sincerely,

Robert M. Burke III
President

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5th March 2014

**Re: Galway Harbour Extension
Renmore and Townparks Townlands, Galway**

Dear Sir,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter. A receipt for the fee lodged is enclosed.

The Board will revert to you in due course with regard to the matter. If you have any queries in the meantime please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Please quote the above-mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

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