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To Whom it Concerns:

Flagship Management is an international maritime services firm with headquarters based in Kinvara, Co. Galway and in Fort Lauderdale in the US.

Our team of consultants work across the maritime industry in a wide range of sectors including providing consultancy services to shipowners and managers, cruise operators, and ship design/repair/construction firms. We have successfully attracted foreign direct investment to Ireland in the ship design sector and are in the process of attracting a significant shipping inward investment to the country.

Our company was established by our US parent, in Galway, in January 2013 and we currently employ a small but rapidly growing team here, in the UK and in Hong Kong and Singapore. We form part of a growing cluster of maritime and offshore businesses in Galway that include consultants like ourselves, oil and gas engineering firms, vessel operators, maritime research firms and offshore energy companies.

The redevelopment of Galway port is an opportunity for regional and national development for the maritime industry that has our full support. It is likely to deliver significant revenue to our business in particular and the region in general. The development of the port from a cruise viewpoint will complement our company's activity in Florida. The extension of the port will finally allow a meaningful opportunity to attract the offshore energy firms that require a west coast mustering and service point for wind, wave and oil and gas construction projects and servicing.

Our business is uniquely placed to capitalise on both the cruise and offshore aspects of this development and, from our discussions with our own clients, their expectations are high regarding their own development opportunities around this project.

We are available to provide further information regarding the importance of this project to our business if required and we look forward to a positive decision relating to this planning application.

Yours sincerely,

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