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5th March 2014.

To Whom It May Concern:

I refer to the planning application from Galway Harbour Company regarding the extension of Galway Port.

The Galway Bay Hotel is very supportive of this planning application and commends the Harbour Company on their foresight in bringing this project to the planning stage.

The Galway Bay Hotel is a 153 bedroom hotel with all of the outlets you would associate with a large hotel. We opened our doors in May of 1998 and our general vision is to maintain and grow the business with both domestic and international business going into the future. We employ over 200 employees throughout the year and will depend on business opportunities which will present themselves should this exciting project progress.

The extension of the port will be hugely significant not just to my organization but to the business community at large creating many hundred jobs initially which will grow as the port develops. As you can imagine the economic benefit to the city will be immense. Along with this having an expected 10,000 visitors visit the city each year is hugely significant. This will obviously have long term benefits outside of this to the city of Galway such as future expansion of the city of Galway by way of opening up of the town quays, additional revenues from the city centre marina, development of off shore energy and a more efficient import of materials into the city and the region.

I am greatly looking forward to the successful outcome of the process and the benefits it will bring not just to my business but to the city as a whole.

Kindest regards,

Dan Murphy
Director/General Manager

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