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An Bord Pleanála
64, Marlborough Street
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Ref: 61.PA.0033

Dear Sir /Madam,

We refer to the Planning Application from Galway Harbour Company regarding the extension of Galway Port.

Galway Property Management is very supportive of this planning application and congratulates the Harbour Company on their commitment to the development of the harbour, which is now at the planning stage.

Our Company manages property throughout the country but mainly in the Galway area. We manage over seventy developments in the Galway city area, mainly residential but also including some commercial. The following are a number of developments that we manage that are located close to the harbour.

Dun Aengus. This development is located on Dock Street and stretches to the Long Walk. It comprises 180 residential properties and of 18202 square feet of offices.

Ce Na Mara. Located beside the Harbour Hotel. It has 74 apartments and some office space.

Dockgate. This is located on Dock Road and comprises 66785 square feet of offices.

Tonn Na Mara. Located on Dock Road and has 18 apartments.

Barr Taoide. This development is located on Dock Road and comprises 40 apartments and four retail units.

All of the above developments have management companies and we are aware from speaking with many of the members whom we represent that the proposed extension of the port will not only enhance their developments, given their proximity to the port area but also the entire Galway area.

The benefits will include.

- Huge boost to employment during the construction phase and afterwards due to the increased activity at the port
- Economic benefit to the city as a direct result of the additional jobs during the construction phase and afterwards in managing the port.
- Potential contribution from cruise ships.
- Possibility of attracting such events as The Volvo Race, Tall Ships, National Sailing Championships etc.
- Additional revenue to all surrounding businesses, including hotels, restaurants and the many service industries that would be involved in servicing the port.

In general, the development of the port will undoubtedly be a huge asset and of major economic benefit to Galway city and county and the entire region as a whole.

I look forward to a successful outcome to the process. I enclose a cheque for € 50.

Yours sincerely,



Joe Gaffney

Managing Director.