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Re: Proposed Galway harbour extension

Planning Ref. No. 61.PA.0033

Dear Sir or Madam,

Marine Technology Ltd. is a specialised marine engineering company with design and manufacturing capability operating in Galway. We are writing to you in support of the above proposal.

It can hardly be disputed that off-shore Ireland has considerable potential for wealth and job creation in the following areas:

1. Oil and gas reserves
2. Off-shore wind and wave energy
3. Mining of scarce materials essential to certain industries, such as alloying elements in the production of high-strength metals, electronics, magnetic devices as used in generators, propulsion motors, etc.

One of the primary impediments to the exploitation of these is the very poor harbour infrastructure on the west coast of Ireland compared with other countries. It is virtually impossible to establish marine-related industries and thus employment in the absence of safe and non-tidal harbours. Ireland compares very unfavourably with other countries of similar size and population, such as Denmark, the Netherlands, Sweden, Norway and Finland in the provision of marine infrastructure.

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In 2003, Marine Technology Ltd. was approached by a Norwegian consortium with a view to operating a small fleet of seismic vessels out of Galway. However, on visiting the harbour, they decided to abandon the project on the grounds that the harbour was too small and above all, tidal. This project had the potential to create up to 80 permanent, skilled, well-paid jobs, with consequent spin-off for the immediate area.

All the areas listed so far are of interest to Marine Technology Ltd. as business opportunities but we acknowledge other lucrative activities, such as tourism – in particular the cruiseliner and leisure trades – both of which have excellent employment potential. Their exploitation is crucially dependent on an expanded, modern harbour in Galway.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Eugene Lavelle'.

Eugene Lavelle

Managing Director

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