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**From:**  
Ocean Crest Marine Limited,  
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**To:**  
AN Bord Pleanála,  
64, Marlborough Street,  
Dublin 1.

**Date:** 11-2-2014

**RE: GALWAY HARBOUR EXTENSION**

AN BORD PLEANÁLA  
TIME \_\_\_\_\_ BY *post*  
25 FEB 2014  
LTR-DATED \_\_\_\_\_ FROM *e*  
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Dear Sir,

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

I am fully supportive of this planning application and commend the harbour company for bringing this project to planning stage.

Ocean Crest Marine is primarily a dive and survey company, based in Galway and we carry out underwater surveys of ships while in port. In recent years, we have lost business to other European ports as the ship sizes are increasing and these vessels are unable to dock in Galway.

Ocean Crest Marine relies heavily on ships calling to Galway to continue employing fully qualified and certified divers.

The new facility will also act as a springboard to attract new business specific to the west of Ireland such as smartbay, devices for renewable energy (required divers) and cruise tourism.

As I understand, once the harbour has been extended, the commercial ships will no longer trade to the inner harbour which will open up the town quays for the future expansion of the city and make Galway a waterfront city of excellence as was clearly demonstrated during the Volvo Ocean Race in 2009 & 2012.

I look forwards to a positive outcome of the respected planning process and also look forward to Galway continuing as a maritime city of over 500 years.

Yours sincerely

Marcus Lally  
Managing Director  
Encl; €50

