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Salthill Tourism &
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(S.T.A.D.A.)

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

The Salthill Tourism & Development Association (S.T.A.D.A.) is very supportive of this planning application and commends the harbour company on their foresight in bringing this project to planning stage.

The Salthill Tourism & Development Association was formatted over forty years ago by members of the community within the area of Salthill. The mission of our association is - to act for the development of the Salthill community and to generate tourism for the area of Salthill. Our association is a not for profit voluntary association, we represent the various Publicans, B&B's, Campsites, Restaurants, Café's, attractions, retailers and service providers within the area of the seaside destination of Salthill; which is the voice of over 112 businesses employing many hundreds of local people who work and live in the area of Salthill.

The application submitted by the harbour company has being studied in depth by our members and we feel that it is one of the single most important developments, for not only our members in Salthill, but for the future of tourism in Galway.

There are so many benefits from this project it is difficult to understand any argument against the proposal. Our organisation sees the construction of the proposed as a lifeline to survive through these desperately challenging times, thus allowing our community to grow and prosper.

Not alone will the direct employment of up to 800 persons involved in the completion of the construction have a huge impact to our local community – but - the prospects of imports and exports - along with tens of thousands of tourists on cruise ships annually – will in no uncertain way directly save the livelihoods of many local people within our community and as such we will lobby strongly for a successful outcome to this process.

Sincerely:-

Roger O'Sullivan
Chairperson S.T.A.D.A.