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Dear Mr. Inspector,

The Murray Timber Group was established in 1977 by its Managing Director, Mr. Paddy Murray, The Group has grown to become one of the largest, most progressive and flexible sawmills in Ireland and with its head office Located in Ballygar, Co. Galway. With over 30 years of experience in the timber industries we have built up the logistics required to harvest and haul in excess of 500,000 M3 per year. The group has another timber mill located in Carlow.

Our supply of logs has been traditionally by auction with Coillte however, in recent times we have begun to import logs from Scotland to our mill in Ballygar through the Port of Galway. This has come about due to increased demand of our timber products and to strategically position the company to the forefront of the market. Security of supply is important to us and importing logs by sea through the Port of Galway keeps us in control of the 'raw' material and brings an economic advantage in how we conduct our business.

We are closely following the planning application of the harbour extension and are in discussions with the port management in relation to securing future footprint (acreage) in the port estate for logs storage. 80% of our finished timber products are destined for the UK market and we are actively analysing the possibility of exporting our goods of baled timber via the Port of Galway. By do so, this reduces our overall transport costs, reduces our CO₂ emissions, increases efficiencies and allows us to employ more locally in Ballygar and at the port.

We are fully in support of the current planning application to extend the harbour and we see this infrastructural development as key to the future growth and expansion of our business.

Yours sincerely,

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