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**NOTIFIKA DWAR L-EŻENZJONI MINN
STUDJU TAL-IMPATT AMBJENTALI**

BI qbil mar-Regolament 3(8) tar-Regolamenti tal-2007 dwar l-Istima tal-Impatt fuq l-Ambjent (Avviż Legali 114 tal-2007), u minhabba li l-Awtorità ta' Malta dwar l-Ambjent u l-Ippjanar jidhrilha li l-proposta mhux probabbli li jkollha impatti sinifikanti fuq l-ambjent, id-Direttur għall-Harsien tal-Ambjent jaqbel li l-proposta ma tehtieġx Studju dwar l-Impatt Ambjentali (EPS).

Id-Deskrizzjoni tal-Proġett (PDS) li giet ipprezentata bħala parti mill-applikazzjoni kkunsidrat b'mod suffiċjenti l-kwistjonijiet li jolqtu l-ambjent u għaldaqstant it-tnejja ta' studju dwar l-impatt ambjentali mhux ser iżżid informazzjoni ġdida peress li l-Awtorità għandha l-informazzjoni kollha meħtieġa sabiex tiddeċiedi dwar din l-applikazzjoni. Skont l-informazzjoni li giet ipprezentata fid-Deskrizzjoni tal-Proġett (PDS) u fil-valutazzjoni li saret skond l-Iskeda IB tal-istess Regolamenti, ma jidhrix li l-proposta se jkollha impatti sinifikanti fuq l-ambjent.

Gustifikazzjoni dettaljata tinstab hawn taht:

Numru ta' Referenza: PA04065/10

Post: Sit f' Triq Ix-Xatt Ta' Xbiex, Ta' Xbiex Seafont, Ta' Xbiex, Malta.

Proposta: Installazzjoni ta' *pontoons* għall-irmiġġ ta' dgħajjes u infrastruttura relatata.

Dawn l-effetti potenzjali fuq l-ambjent, flimkien ma' numru ta' mizuri biex jitaffa l-impatt, ġew identifikati fid-Deskrizzjoni tal-Proġett (PDS) li kien sottomess lill-Awtorità fit-13 ta' Marzu 2012 u ittra relatata sottomessa fil-15 ta' Lulju 2013, u fil-gustifikazzjoni għall-eżenzjoni mill-Istudju dwar l-Impatt Ambjentali li giet sottomessa fl-14 ta' Jannar 2013.

**Impatti potenzjali
Potential Impacts**

Tniġġis tal-ilma tal-pjan
u fil-wieċ

**NOTIFICATION OF EXEMPTION OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING STATEMENT**

IN conformity with Regulation 3(8) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (Legal Notice 114 of 2007), and in view of the fact that MEPA has determined that the proposal is unlikely to have significant environmental impacts, the Director of Environment Protection agrees that the proposal does not require the preparation of an Environmental Planning Statement (EPS).

The Project Description Statement (PDS) presented as part of the application has considered the environmental issues in a sufficient manner such that the preparation of an EPS would not add any new information and MEPA has all the necessary information to determine the application. From the information presented in the PDS and screening according to Schedule IB of the same Regulations, the proposal is not likely to have significant environmental effects.

A detailed justification is presented below:

Reference Number: PA04065/10

Location: Site, Triq Ix-Xatt Ta' Xbiex, Ta' Xbiex Seafont, Ta' Xbiex, Malta.

Proposal: Installation of pontoons for the berthing of boats and related infrastructure.

The following potential environmental impacts were identified and mitigation measures proposed in the Project Description Statement (PDS) submitted to MEPA on the 29th May 2012 and the justification for proposal from carrying out an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) submitted on 14th January 2013 and subsequent correspondence dated 15th July 2013.

**Rimarki fuq mizuri biex jittaffa l-impatt, eċċ.
Remarks on mitigation measures, etc.**

L-informazzjoni sottomessa tirrakkomanda li l-iżvilupp propost mhux mistenni li jkollu impatt negattiv kumulattiv fuq l-kurrenti, diflezzjoni tal-mewġ u l-ħin ta' residenti tal-ilma fil-Lazaretto Creek u n-naha ta' ġewwa tal-port ta' Marsamxett. Ġewwa. L-iżviluppi proposti huwma mistennija li se jkollhom operat aktar regolarizzata u organizzata, li jissalvagwarda l-ambjent permezz ta' mizuri ta' mitigazzjoni, il-kontroll tat-tniġġis, u l-infurzar. Permezz ta' dan huwa mistenni li jkun hemm titjib tas-sitwazzjoni attwali fiż-żoni konċernati. Huwa wkoll mistenni li jitnaqqas drastikament ir-riskju ta' tniġġis, u jiġu stabbiliti Prattiki ta' ġestjoni tal-iskart (li bħalissa huwa minimu), f'konformità sħiħa mar-regolamenti applikabbli u li jiġu ndirizzati inkonvenjenzi oħra.

Coastal water Pollution and circulation

The information submitted advocates that the proposed development is not expected to have a cumulative adverse impact on the currents, wave deflection and water residence time in Lazaretto Creek and inner Marsamxetto Harbour. In turn, the proposed development is expected to create a more regularised and organised operation, which will make mitigation, control, and enforcement of environmental issues easier. This is expected to result in an improvement over the current situation within the concerned areas. Proposal is also expected to drastically minimise the risk of pollution, establish waste management practices (which are currently at a minimum), in full compliance with the applicable regulations and address other current undesirable inconveniences.

Holqien ta' skart

L-ammont ta' skart solidu li x'aktarx jiġi gġenerat mill-proġett kemm waqt il-bini u kif ukoll waqt l-operat mhux se jkun sinifikanti, speċjalment meta wiehed iqis in-natura tal-proġett. L-iskart mill-operat se jkun ġestit permezz ta' permess għall-operat.

Waste generation

The amount of solid waste likely to be generated by the project during construction and operation is not likely to be significant considering the nature of the project. Operational waste will be managed through an environmental permit and the adoption of standard marina operation requirements.

Impatt fuq il-kwalità tal-arja

In-natura u d-daqs tal-proġett propost mhux probabbli li jikkontribwixxu għal impatti sinifikanti fuq il-kwalità tal-arja, u dan meta tittieħed kunsiderazzjoni u din b'fehma tan-natura tat-traffiku fiż-żona, u attività oħra relatata mal-użu eżistenti tas-sit.

Impact on air quality

The nature and size of the proposed project in relation to existing related activity on site, and the traffic patterns of the wider landward area, is not likely to contribute to significant impacts on the air quality of the area.

Storbju u vibrazzjonijiet

Il-proġett mhux mistenni li jikkontribwixxi għal impatt tas-storbju u vibrazzjoni sinifikanti, u dan meta jittieħed kunsiderazzjoni tan-natura tal-użi l-art ta' madwar, kif ukoll dak marbut mal-baħar li hija kkaratterizzata minn yacht marina akbar, u żona mibnija.

Noise and vibrations

The project is not expected to give rise to significant noise and vibration impacts, and this in understanding of the nature of the larger land-based and sea-based uses of the adjacent sites, which is characterised by a larger yacht marina, and a densely urbanised area.

Impatt permezz ta' dawl

Emissjonijiet ta' dawl matul il-lejl mhux mistennija li jkollhom impatt partikolari meta mqabbla mas-sitwazzjoni diġà eżistenti. Barra minn hekk, l-impatti potenzjali jistgħu jitnaqqsu bl-użu ta' *down lighters*, u billi l-ammont ta' dawl matul il-lejl jitnaqqas għal-livelli minimi.

Light pollution

Light emissions during night time is not likely to be significant over the current baseline situation. Furthermore, any potential impacts may be reduced with the use of down-lighters and minimisation of nocturnal lighting.

Minkejja dak li jissema hawn fuq, l-Awtorità ta' Malta dwar l-Ambjent u l-Ippjanar iżżomm id-dritt li titlob lill-applikant li jissottometti informazzjoni oħra kif jista' jkun meħtieġ biex tiegħu deċiżjoni dwar l-applikazzjoni.

Notwithstanding the above, the Malta Environmental and Planning Authority reserve the right to request the applicant to submit additional information as may be necessary to determine the application.