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**NOTIFIKA DWAR L-EŻENZJONI MINN  
STUDJU TAL-IMPATT AMBJENTALI****NOTIFICATION OF EXEMPTION OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING STATEMENT**

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 sinjifikanti fuq l-ambjent, id-Direttur għall-Harsien tal-Ambjent jaqbel li l-proposta ma teħtieġx Studju dwar l-Impatt Ambjentali (EPS).

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).

Id-Deskrizzjoni tal-Proġett (PDS) li giet ippreżentata bħala parti mill-applikazzjoni kkunsidrat b'mod suffiċjenti l-kwistjonijiet li jolqtu l-ambjent u għaldaqstant it-thejjija 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 ippreżentata 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 sinjifikanti fuq l-ambjent.

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.

Gustifikazzjoni dettaljata tinstab hawn taħt:

A detailed justification is presented below:

Numru ta' Referenza: A05468/10

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Post: Ta' Xbiex Marina, Triq ix-Xatt ta' Xbiex, Ta' Xbiex, Triq ix-Xatt, Gżira, Malta.

Location: Ta' Xbiex Marina, Triq ix-Xatt ta' Xbiex, Ta' Xbiex, Triq ix-Xatt, Gżira, Malta.

Proposta: Biex tiġi re-organizzata l-marina ta' Ta' Xbiex. Titjib tal-moll, bini ta' kamra għat-tibdil tal-vultaġġ u stallazzjoni ta' floating pontoon u uffiċċju temporanju fuq l-istess sit.

Proposal: Reorganisation of ta' Xbiex Marina. Upgrading of quay, erection of low voltage switch room and installation of floating pontoon with temporary office on same.

Dawn l-effetti potenzjali fuq l-ambjent, flimkien ma' numru ta' miżuri biex jittaffa l-impatt, ġew identifikati fid-Deskrizzjoni tal-Proġett (PDS) li kien sottomess lill-Awtorità fit-13 ta' Marzu 2012 u fil-gustifikazzjoni għall-eżenzjoni mill-Istudju dwar l-Impatt Ambjentali li giet sottomessa fit-22 ta' Jannar, 2013 u korrispondenza relatata sottomessa fil-15 ta' Lulju, 2013.

The following potential environmental impacts were identified and mitigation measures proposed in the Project Description Statement (PDS) submitted to MEPA on the 13 March 2012 and the justification for proposal from carrying out an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) submitted on 22nd January, 2013 and subsequent correspondence dated 15th July, 2013.

**Impatti potenzjali  
Potential Impacts**

Tniġġis tal-ilma tal-panjan u fil-wieċ

**Rimarki fuq miżuri 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 il-kurrenti, diflezzjoni tal-mewġ u l-hin residenti tal-ilma fil-Lazaretto Creek u n-naħa ta' ġewwa tal-port ta' Marsamxett. L-iżvilupp propost huwa mistenni se jkollu operat aktar regolarizzat u organizzat, li jissalvagwardja l-ambjent permezz ta' miżuri ta' mitigazzjoni, kontroll ta' 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, jiġu stabbiliti Prattiki ta' gestjoni tal-iskart (li bħalissa huwa minimu) f'konformità sħiħa mar-regolamenti applikabbli u li jiġu indirizzati 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 ġġenerat mill-proġett kemm waqt il-bini u kif ukoll waqt l-operat mhux se jkun sinifikanti, speċjalment meta wieħed 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 jikkontribwixxi għal impatti sinifikanti fuq il-kwalità tal-arja, u dan meta jittiehed kunsiderazzjoni 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 tittiehed kunsiderazzjoni tan-natura tal-użi l-art ta' madwar, kif ukoll dak marbut mal-baħar li hija kkaratterizzata minn yacht marina akbar, u zona 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 iżzomm 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.