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Planning Authority
St. Francis Ravelin
Floriana, FRN 1230

7th March 2017

Dear ██████████

**South Malta Local Plan Review Hal Far Policy, Final Draft (February 2017)
Consultation in terms of Regulation 4(6) of S.L. 549.61 (Strategic
Environmental Assessment Regulations)**

Reference is made to the Planning Authority's consultation on the South Malta Local Plan Review Hal Far Policy Final Draft, dated February 2017, which the Environment and Resources Authority (ERA) received by email on 24th February 2017.

ERA has reviewed the information provided with your SEA screening consultation and considers that, strategically, the revision to the South Malta Local Plan Review Hal Far Policy is unlikely to have significant environmental effects. However, depending on the scale, nature and operation of specific projects, proposals within these sites may still require further environmental assessment, including an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) screening procedure in terms of S.L. 549.46 (EIA Regulations, 2007), and possibly environmental authorisation from ERA.

Certain types of developments in Malta Industrial Parks and Malta Enterprise Zones are covered by the Development Notification Order, 2016 and therefore, may not necessarily involve consultation with ERA at project stage. Therefore, it is recommended that the final approved policy specifically requests applicants to contact ERA directly in view of any legally required environmental assessments and, or environmental authorisations which need to be carried out or obtained prior to the execution and operation of their projects.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Perit Ruben Abela', written over a white background.

Perit Ruben Abela
Chief Executive Officer
Environment and Resources Authority