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**AWTORITÀ TA' MALTA DWAR L-AMBJENT  
U L-IPPJANAR**

**MALTA ENVIRONMENT AND  
PLANNING AUTHORITY**

**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 (Avviz 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-Ħarsien tal-Ambjent jaqbel li l-proposta ma teħtieġ 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 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 se żżid informazzjoni ġdida peress li l-Awtorità għandha l-informazzjoni kollha meħtieġa sabiex tiddeciedi dwar din l-applikazzjoni. Skont l-informazzjoni li giet ipprezentata fid-Deskrizzjoni tal-Proġett (PDS) u fil-valutazzjoni li saret skont l-Iskeda IB tal-istess Regolamenti, ma jidherx li l-proposta se jkollha impatti sinifikanti 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.

Ġustifikazzjoni dettaljata tinstab hawn taħt:  
*A detailed justification is presented below:*

Numru ta' Riferenza: PA 01238/15 (EA 00018/15)  
Post: Sit fi Triq il-Katakombi u Triq Ġdida fi Triq il-Katakombi, Is-Salina, In-Naxxar, Malta  
Proposta: Rinovar ta' Triq il-Katakombi u Triq Ġdida fi Triq il-Katakombi

*Reference Number: PA 01238/15 (EA 00018/15)*  
*Location: Site at Triq il-Katakombi and New Street in Triq il-Katakombi, Salina, Naxxar, Malta*  
*Proposal: Upgrading of Triq il-Katakombi and New Road in Triq il-Katakombi*

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 fl-4 ta' Marzu, 2015, u fil-ġustifikazzjoni għall-eżenzjoni mill-Istudju dwar l-Impatt Ambjentali li giet sottomessa fl-4 ta' Ġunju, 2015.

The following potential environmental impacts were identified and mitigation measures proposed in the Project Description Statement (PDS) submitted to MEPA on the 4th March, 2015, and the justification for proposal from carrying out an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) submitted on the 4th June, 2015.

Impatti Potenzjali                      Rimarki fuq miżuri biex jittaffa l-impatt, eċċ.  
*Potential Impacts                      Remarks on mitigation measures, etc.*

Impatti mit-trabijiet                      Trabijiet se jiġu ġġenerati matul il-fażi ta' thaffir u kostruzzjoni u jistgħu jaffettwaw iż-żona  
waqt il-kostruzzjoni                      residenzjali li tinsab fil-qrib. Madanakollu, il-miżuri *standard* ta' mitigazzjoni għall-kontroll tat-trabijiet għandhom ikunu infurzati skont ir-Regolamenti dwar l-Immaniġġar Ambjentali tas-Siti tal-Kostruzzjoni, 2007, flimkien mas-sottomissjoni ta' *Construction Management Plan*.

<i>Impacts from dust and particulate matter during construction</i>	<i>Dust will be generated during site clearance, excavation and construction phases and may affect the nearby residential area. However, standard mitigation measures for dust control should be enforced in accordance with the Environmental Management Construction Site Regulations, 2007, together with the submission of a Construction Management Plan.</i>
Impatti fuq l-arkeologija u l-wirt kulturali	Sabiex jiġi evitat kwalunkwe impatt fuq l-arkeologija u karatteristiċi ta' wirt kulturali li jinsabu fiż-żona, dawn il-miżuri għandhom jiġu implimentati: (i) l-ebda xogħlijiet m'għandhom jaffettwaw negattivament is-sit arkeologiku magħruf bħala l-Katakombi tas-Salini; (ii) il-Kappella tal-Lunzjata, magħrufa bħala il-Kappella tas-Salina għandha tkun protetta minn kull ħsara accidentali li tista' sseħħ matul ix-xogħlijiet ta' kostruzzjoni; u (iii) xogħlijiet ta' thaffir għandhom jiġu mmonitorjati b' mod arkeologiku.
<i>Impacts on archaeology and cultural heritage</i>	<i>In order to avoid any impacts on any archaeological and cultural heritage features that may be located in the area: (i) no works are to encroach the archaeological site known as Is-Salini Catacombs; (ii) il-Kappella tal-Lunzjata, also known as the Salina Chapel is to be protected from any accidental damage that may occur during construction works; and (iii) all excavation works are to be archaeologically monitored.</i>
Tixrid potenzjali u run-off	Tixrid potenzjali waqt il-fażi ta' kostruzzjoni jista' jittaffa permezz tal-applikazzjoni xierqa tal-miżuri ta' mitigazzjoni identifikati fir-Regolamenti dwar l-Immanigġjar Ambjentali tas-Siti tal-Kostruzzjoni, 2007, flimkien mas-sottomissjoni ta' <i>Construction Management Plan</i> .
<i>Potential spillages and run-off</i>	<p>Waqt l-operat, miżuri xierqa ta' mitigazzjoni assoċjati mal-ħarsien tal-ambjent akwatiku jinkludu rimi adegwat ta' ilma tal-għargħar biex tiġi evitata il-kontaminazzjoni ta' ilmijiet tal-pjan u tal-wieċ. Miżura oħra hi li jiġu identifikati żoni speċifiċi għal <i>refuelling</i> matul ix-xogħlijiet ta' kostruzzjoni, fejn dawn għandhom ikunu 'l bogħod minn mogħdijiet tal-ilma u li jkunu jinkludu sistema ta' konteniment sekondarju.</p> <p><i>Potential spillages during the construction phase can be mitigated through the proper application of appropriate mitigation measures identified in the Environmental Management Construction Site Regulations, 2007 and the submission of a Construction Management Plan.</i></p> <p><i>During operation, appropriate mitigation measures associated with safeguarding the aquatic environment include adequate discharge of flood water to avoid ground and surface water contamination. Another measure is to identify areas for on-site refuelling during construction works which are to be located away from watercourses and are to include a system of secondary containment.</i></p>
Impatti fuq speċi protetti	Ir-riskju li l-vibrazzjonijiet generati waqt l-iskavar ifixklu l-għasafar fil-viċin, huwa negligibbli, speċjalment meta wieħed iqis id-distanza tal-proposta (madwar 100m) mis-sit Natura 2000 tas-Salini, u minħabba l-fatt li s-sit huwa skrinjat minn żviluppi oħra. Barra minn hekk, il-proġett huwa mistenni li jseħħ fi żmien relattivament qasir u għalhekk kwalunkwe impatt waqt il-kostruzzjoni huma meqjus bħala temporanju.
<i>Impacts on protected species</i>	<i>The risk of vibrations as a result of excavations disturbing any birds in the wetland is negligible, given the distance of the proposal from the 'Is-Salini' Natura 2000 site (approximately 100m away from the proposal), and the fact that it is screened by other developments. Furthermore, the project is expected to take place in a relatively short period of time, and thus any impacts during the construction phase are considered to be temporary.</i>

Minkejja dan imsemmi 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 tiehu deċiżjoni dwar l-applikazzjoni.

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