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To Whom It May Concern

Firstly, I would like to introduce you to our company Cornelio D ODonovan Ltd. based in Castletownbere. Our company has been operating in Castletownbere over the last 45 years.

We are a ship's agent and marine service provider with several tugs and working vessels. We are based in Castletownbere but we provide services to the entire coast of Ireland. We have 6 full time staff and we hire staff when we have a large contract. In the last year alone we gave employment to over 30 people on a part-time basis.

We also maintain our vessels in the port of Castletownbere i.e. painting and repairs which has a knock-on effect creating more employment and spending in the local economy.

Over the last number of years we have worked for Marine Harvest Ltd. all over the west coast of Ireland and their contracts are a vital part of our company survival in these hard times in rural Ireland.

As you are well aware over the last year of the recession jobs in rural Ireland are hard to find and we feel the employment Marine Harvest Ltd. provides locally in Castletownbere and all along the west coast of Ireland is extremely important to the survival of these rural communities.

Any delay in Aquaculture licencing has a direct effect on our business as a service provider and has a direct effect on our gross income for the year and on the amount of part-time staff we can hire and the sustainability of our full-time staff.

I feel that Marine Harvest Ltd. and the Aquaculture industry in Ireland is a vital part in the future and survival of coastal communities.

Director

Diarmuid O'Donovan

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