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To:

Commercial Vessels Operators Masters of Commercial Vessels

Provision of a Fast Ferry Service by means of a passenger High-Speed Craft between the Grand Harbour of Valletta and Mgarr Harbour of Gozo: Designation of Landing Places and Conditions of Operations

The Authority wishes to notify all Operators and Masters of Commercial Vessels, that it is putting the landing places at Grand Harbour Valletta and Mgarr Harbour Gozo, as per attached Charts A and B respectively, for the use by Operators rendering a fast ferry service by means of a passenger High-Speed Craft (HSC) between these two landing places.

The Operators eligible to render the service and avail themselves from these Landing Places, in line with this Port Notice shall ensure that the passenger High-Speed Craft (HSC) used for such service:

- 1. Obtain the necessary licence to operate in accordance with the Commercial Vessels' Regulations;
- 2. Obtain a passenger HSC permit to operate;
- 3. Be classed by a Recognised Organisation as a passenger HSC;
- 4. Have a certified IMO HSC code (2000), as amended, by a Recognised Organisation;
- 5. Compliant with IMO MARPOL Annex VI requirements for Reg. 13, as applicable;
- 6. Is capable and authorised to carry a minimum of 250 passengers at any one time;
- 7. Can do the voyage between the two landing places in a maximum of 45 minutes;
- 8. Have a valid ISM Document of Compliance;
- 9. Comply with the necessary provisions to cater for persons with reduced mobility;

In all instances, Operators and Masters shall follow the directions and obtain clearance from the Authority that their vessel can manoeuvre safely in its approach to the landing places indicated in this Port Notice.

The commuters making use of the passenger High-Speed Craft between the Grand Harbour of Valletta and Mgarr Harbour of Gozo will be eligible for free access to the Authority's Upper Barrakka vertical lift.

Operators and Masters of Commercial vessels are directed to observe the above as of 1st June 2021.

Capt David Bugeja

Chief Officer and Harbour Master

24 February 2021

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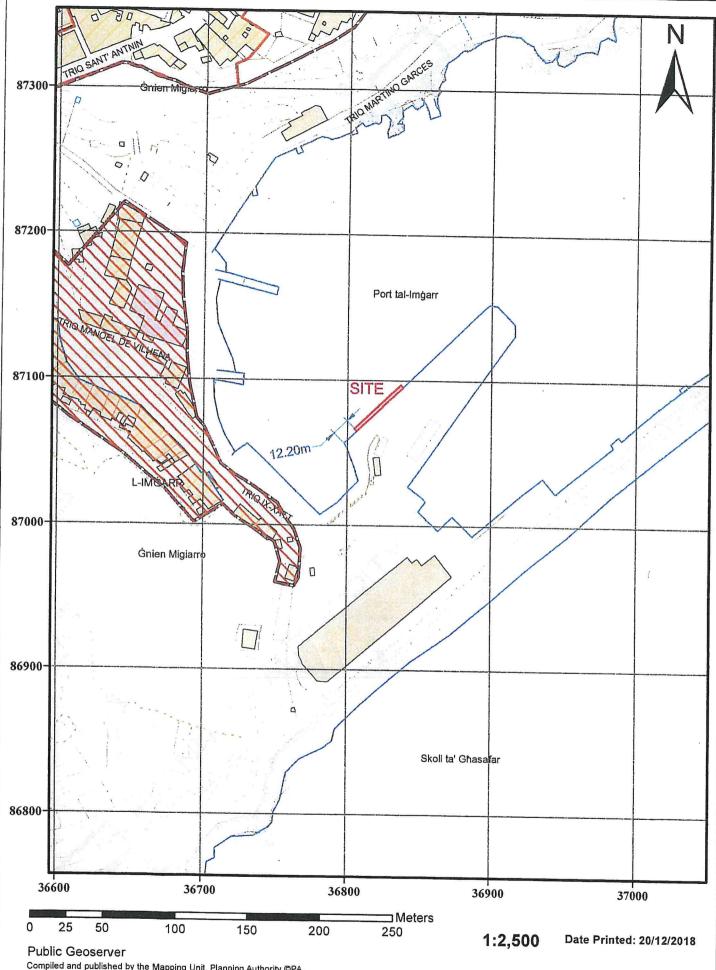
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