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21st April 2010.

Dear Ms. Creed,

I am writing as a matter of urgency in relation to Arklow Harbour Commissioners application for a Dredging Licence for Arklow Port.

Last September, the Commissioners informed me that the Dredging Licence was due by the end of September 2009. I informed the RNLI Coast Review Committee, who visited Arklow at that time of the situation and that dredging would commence in April 2010.

I am now informed by Arklow Harbour Commissioners that they still have not received the Licence despite all technical details having been agreed by the various Government Departments.

At the last neap tides, the Lifeboat keel was taking the ground on the berth risking the chance that the Lifeboat may shortly be put on restrictive service. In its simplicity, the Lifeboat will not be able to carry out its 24/7 emergency cover.

Should the dredging Licence not be received by the Commissioners by the end of April 2010, we will have to report the up to date position to the RNLI head office in Poole, the Emergency Committee for Search and Rescue in Ireland and the UK.

I would be obliged if you would give this matter your immediate attention or advise.

Yours sincerely,

James M. Tyrrell.
Lifeboat Operations Manager.



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