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Government to Consider Proposals for Land Based Storage Facilities for Marine Fuels

HM Government of Gibraltar has today invited proposals for the design and construction of a Land Fuel storage facility in Gibraltar.

The need for Land Storage to support and enhance Port activities has been an issue that has been alive for some years and this process will evaluate in some detail with interested parties the possibilities for the provision of this in Gibraltar. Government will focus extensively on safety and environmental issues to ensure any facility meets the highest standards possible. Government will take expert advice on proposals received at the early evaluation stage. Proposals are invited before the 22nd April 2016.

This project will enable Government to carry out a general review of its Port facilities and the use of land generally.

Minister for the Port the Hon Paul Balban commented, "For many years we have talked of the need for land storage facilities and considered many different options. I am pleased that we are now focusing on this possibility and encouraged by the interest we have received to date. I am looking forward to working towards making this facility a reality, safeguarding the Port's reputation for the highest operational standards. Bringing this project to life will help the Port to further consolidate its position as the premier bunkering hub in the Mediterranean, as the shipping world enters a new phase of increasingly stringent environmental protection measures."