

Dear Gísli Halldór Halldórsson,

One of the main activity in Isafjörður, as the biggest city of the Westfjords, is port activity. However, location, conditions and design of Isafjörður port have limited the utilization with optimal capacity of the port. In order to optimize the capacity and also improve potential port activities in Isafjörður, a PhD project titled “Isafjörður Port Development Plan” is going to be defined at university of Iceland, department of civil and environmental engineering. Based on national and international standards, all required considerations such as: safety and security, facilities, operation, maintenance, navigation as well as transportation, optimize access to land, etc. will be taken into account scientifically. Furthermore, the project deals with simulation of wave, current, seawater temperature and sediment transport throughout the whole fjord, by which mitigation and or diminishing the existed issues such as dredging, sea level rise, storm surge, seiche, and marine pollution will be addressed. The matter was discussed by Sigurður Sigurðarson in Vegagerðin, and he is willing to be engaged to the project too.

Undoubtedly, a developed port with optimal capacity not only increases economic benefit, but also has positive social impacts for the region. At the end of the project, all information and the reports will be submitted to the municipality and port authority.

According to the university of Iceland's rule the cost of the project is 180,000 ISK per month during the PhD program.

Hopefully, the project can engage you for moving forward and I would be grateful if you could consider supporting of the project.

If additional information is needed for the decision- making process, please contact me:

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In very sincere appreciations,

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