SECOND SUPPLEMENT TO THE GIBRALTAR GAZETTE No. 3380 of 18 December, 2003

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 129 OF 2003

TOWN PLANNING ACT

TOWN PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2003

In exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 23 and 44 of the Town Planning Act, and of all other enabling powers, the Minister has made the following regulations-

Title.

1. These regulations may be cited as the Town Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Amendment) Regulations, 2003.

Amendment to Town Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2000.

2. The Town Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2000 are amended-

- (a) by inserting after regulation 2(1)(b)-
 - "(c) any statutory body which has a specific environmental responsibility.";
- (b) by amending the definition of "land" in section 2 by inserting after the words "means the land" the words ", sea or sea-bed";
- (c) in regulation 8(4) after the words "which is capable of being treated as confidential" inserting the words "by reason of any commercial, industrial or intellectual property interest or because its disclosure would be against the public interest or which must be treated as confidential under rule 4 of the Public Health (Freedom of Access to Information on the Environment) Rules 1992".

Dated this 18th day of December, 2003.

J J HOLLIDAY

Minister with responsibility for Town Planning & Building Control

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

These Regulations amend the Town Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2000 to further implement the provisions of Directive 85/337/EC as amended by Directive 97/11/EC to make consultation with statutory bodies with specific environmental obligations mandatory, to extend the provisions of the regulations to developments on the sea or seabed, and to limit the basis upon which the Commission may treat information as confidential.