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19:30 Pre Conference Dinner - After Dinner Entertainment - Sponsor:



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07:30 Registration & Coffee, Exhibition Viewing

An Environment for Green Growth - Chair: Stephen Wheeler, IWEA Chairman

09.00 Welcome Address: Stephen Wheeler, IWEA Chairman

09.10 Minister, Phil Hogan, T.D. Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government *"An Environment for Green Growth"*

09.30 Kenneth Matthews, CEO, IWEA Ltd *"Vision for a Renewable Island"*

09.50 David Gunning, CEO, Coillte *"Challenges and Opportunities for Wind Energy in Ireland"*

10.10 Questions & Answers

10.30 Tea, Coffee & Exhibition Viewing

Renewable Energy Opportunities - Chair: Karen Rock, Sales Manager Ireland, Enercon GmbH

11.00 Barry O'Leary, CEO, IDA Ireland *"FDI Opportunities and Renewable Energy"*

11.20 PJ Rudden, President, Engineers Ireland *"Renewable Opportunities for the Engineering Profession"*

11.40 Tim Cowhig, CEO, Element Power Ireland *"The Reality of investing in Renewables in Ireland"*

12.00 Paul Whelan, Chair IWEA Health and Safety Strategy Group *"Best Practise Health and Safety"*

12.10 Questions and Answers

12.30 Lunch - Sponsor: Malachy Walsh and Partners
Engineering and Environmental Consultants

Ensuring Delivery - Chair: Donagh Shanahan, CEO, TLI Group

14.00 Garrett Blaney, Commissioner, Commission for Energy Regulation *"Regulating Renewables: The Five Year Plan"*

14.20 Andrew Cooke, Director of Grid Development and Commercial, EirGrid *"Delivering Grid 25"*

14.40 Peter Kavanagh, General Manager, Wind Prospect Ireland *"Translating Policy into Action"*

15.00 Marguerite Sayers, Head of Asset Management, ESB Networks *"Gate 3 and Beyond"*

15.20 Questions & Answers

15.40 Tea, Coffee & Exhibition Viewing

The European Market - Chair: Martin Finucane, Principal Officer, DCENR

16.10 Jan Hylleberg, CEO, Danish Wind Industry Association *"European Integration – A Danish Perspective"*

16.30 Brendan McGrath, CEO, Gaelectric *"Europe's New Smart Energy Hub"*

16.50 Stephen Woodhouse, Director, Pöyry *"Ireland's place in the Wider European Market"*

17.10 Questions & Answers

17.30 Exhibitors Reception - Sponsors: All Exhibitors

18:30 Conference Close



Main Sponsor:



Minister Phil Hogan

Minister for Environment, Community & Local Government



Phil was first elected to the Dáil in 1989 and has been successfully elected in all subsequent elections. He is one of Fine Gael's most well-known politicians and was the Party's Spokesman for Environment, Heritage &

Local Government in the 30th Dáil.

He was also Fine Gael's National Director of Elections in the 2011 Election.

Phil served as Minister for State in Department of Finance in the last Fine Gael Government at a time where job growth was at an all time high.

In Fine Gael, he has held a vast array of positions including Parliamentary Party Chairman, Director of Organisation, Enterprise Spokesman as well as Consumer Affairs, Regional Affairs and Food Industry positions. Phil served as a Senator from 1987 – 1989. He is a graduate of University College Cork (BA, HDipEd)

Stephen Wheeler

IWEA Chairman



Stephen Wheeler is Managing Director of Airtricity, a wholly-owned division of the FTSE 100-listed SSE (Scottish and Southern Energy plc) Group and Ireland's fastest-growing energy supply utility,

and Chairman of the Irish Wind Energy Association (IWEA). He was previously General Manager Ireland of SSE Renewables with responsibility for the company's development and construction activities in the Irish and marine markets. Stephen came to Airtricity with over 10 years international experience after working with ABB and Siemens, specialising in the development and construction of thermal power generation projects. He is a graduate of electrical engineering from University College Dublin with an MBA from the UCD Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School.

Kenneth Matthews

CEO, IWEA Ltd



Kenneth joined IWEA as CEO in September 2011. He comes to IWEA with over 12 years experience in the energy industry in Ireland having worked with Intel, EirGrid and ESB.

He has worked in power system operation, protection and transmission access planning in EirGrid. He has worked extensively on technical and commercial aspects of generation and load access to the transmission and distribution system and led numerous access projects for EirGrid from the generation competition in 2004 to Gate 1 windfarm access offers. Kenneth has also worked in ESB Power Generation holding numerous management roles including Production Manager Poolbeg Power Station and Station Manager Ardnacrusha Power Station. He has been involved in delivering numerous projects across power generation from safety to power plant overhauls, most recently he has developed and led a stakeholder management and engagement programme for ESB's hydro portfolio. A BEng Hons graduate from University of Ulster, he holds a diploma in Industrial studies.

David Gunning

CEO and Director, Coillte



David Gunning was appointed Chief Executive and Director of Coillte in 2006. He is also Chairman of SmartPly Europe Ltd, Medite Europe Ltd and CPP UK Ltd. Before joining Coillte he held leadership positions in a range of

companies in the telecommunications industry in Ireland, US and Europe.

Karen Rock

Sales Manager Ireland, Enercon



Karen Rock is one of four Sales Manager with ENERCON in Ireland. Karen has a Mechanical engineering degree from DIT Bolton Street and a Masters of Engineering in Energy Systems from UCD. With a background

in construction PM in addition to her in-depth knowledge of the renewable sector the wind industry was a natural progression, with ENERCON being the most fitting choice. Her role as Sales Manager includes technical advice to clients, providing client support for the whole project lifecycle, in addition to sales.

Barry O'Leary

CEO, IDA Ireland



Barry O'Leary was appointed Chief Executive Designate of IDA Ireland in October 2007. Mr. O'Leary has worked in IDA for over 30 years in most of its business areas including two periods, 1983-1991 and 1995-

2002 in Germany, latterly as Director of Europe. On his return to Germany in 1995 he was responsible for running IDA's offices in Stuttgart and Düsseldorf which covered Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Italy. He subsequently became Director of Europe and centralised IDA's German offices into Frankfurt. On his return to Ireland in late 2002 Mr. O'Leary was appointed Divisional Manager of the LifeSciences and Information and Communications Technology areas. Mr. O'Leary led IDA teams in winning significant investments from a number of key clients such as Lilly, Pfizer, Centocor, Boston Scientific, Cordis, IBM, Kellogg, Merck, Citi, Cisco Systems and Facebook among others.

Barry O'Leary held a number of different positions in industrial companies prior to joining IDA Ireland, including Nestle and the Smurfit Group. He is a Board Member of Forfas.

PJ Rudden

President, Engineers Ireland.



PJ Rudden is Group Energy & Environment Director for RPS in Ireland and Northern Ireland. He also chairs the all Ireland Strategy Board for RPS across all business units. He has over 25 years experience of the Irish

energy business having been significantly involved in many Bord Gáis transmission pipelines including the Second Gas Interconnector and Gas Pipeline to the West. More recently he is RPS Project Director for the

Management of the EU Green Capital City Awards across Member states. He is also Project Director on the Irish Scottish Links Energy Study (ISLES) on Offshore Renewables for the three Governments off the coasts of Scotland, Ireland & Northern Ireland. He is currently President of Engineers Ireland.

Tim Cowhig

CEO, Element Power Ireland



Tim Cowhig is CEO of Element Power Ireland (EPI), a new entrant to the burgeoning renewable energy sector in Ireland. A chartered accountant with over 20 years commercial experience, Tim is a skilled negotiator, with strong

strategic vision and communications skills. Prior to joining EPI, Tim was CEO and Executive Director of SWS Energy, a company that he was instrumental in setting up and building to become one of Ireland's leading wind energy companies culminating in its acquisition by Bord Gáis in December 2009.

Tim has been a champion of the renewable energy sector in Ireland for over 15 years - a sector he believes can deliver huge economic value to Ireland as a mainstream energy source and one that is capable of generating significant employment opportunities.

As Chairman of the Irish Wind Energy Association from 2002 to 2009 and his ongoing involvement as a Director of the association, he has led the development of wind energy among Irish policy makers, regulators and financial institutions. The success of which is evidenced by the level of wind power in Ireland today.

Tim holds a Bachelor of Commerce Degree from University College, Cork. He is a member of the Institute of Directors and an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

Paul Whelan

Chair of IWEA Health & Safety Strategy Group, Safety & Environment, Manager at SSE Renewables



Paul Whelan is Chair of IWEA Health & Safety Strategy Group and Safety & Environment Manager at SSE Renewables. Over the years, he has developed a deep understanding of the risk environment

and safety challenges we face in building renewable projects. He has been deeply involved in driving higher safety performance standards in over twenty wind farm construction projects, bringing SSE and its construction partners beyond the journey of compliance to standards of safety excellence. Prior to joining SSE Renewables, he worked in environmental enforcement at local government level, and as EHS Manager for over eight years in the heavy engineering sector. On his career path, Paul has achieved high standing in the safety community, winning the prestigious IOSH Safety Practitioner of the Year Silver Award. He has also sat on the Board of Directors of ECO-UNESCO.

Donagh Shanahan

CEO, TLI Group



Donagh is the CEO of TLI (Transmission Links Ireland) Group, which started as a major overhead lines contractor to ESB and has now expanded to provide consultancy and construction services to

other utilities and the renewable generation industry. Donagh Shanahan is responsible for the overall running of the company, with special responsibility for TLI Power Division which offers an integrated turn-key service from initial feasibility assessment through survey, design, planning and construction of connections of windfarms and renewable generators to the electricity grid.

Donagh is a graduate of DIT with a degree in Engineering and has worked for over fifteen years in consultancy and the Utilities industry

Garrett Blaney

Commissioner, Commission for Energy Regulation



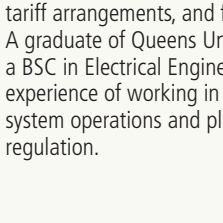
Garrett Blaney has been a member of the Commission since February 2010. Garrett has over twenty years of experience working at a senior level for companies in the energy sector both in Ireland and abroad.

Garrett's lead responsibilities with the Commission relate to the regulation of gas and electricity safety, electricity and gas networks and gas markets including the Common Arrangements for Gas (CAG) project. In addition he has responsibility for gas and electricity security of supply issues and for electricity generation both renewable and conventional.

Andrew Cooke

Director of Grid Development and Commercial, EirGrid

In his role as Director of Grid Development and Commercial, Andrew Cooke is responsible for the planning, development and maintenance of the transmission grid including the Ireland-Wales HVDC interconnector project. He is responsible for the design and implementation of transmission access and



tariff arrangements, and for customer relations. A graduate of Queens University Belfast, he holds a BSC in Electrical Engineering. He has 30 years' experience of working in the areas of transmission system operations and planning, market design, and regulation.

Peter Kavanagh

General Manager and Director, Wind Prospect Ireland



Peter is general manager and director of Wind Prospect Ireland and specialises in the pre-construction and grid connection of wind energy projects. Wind Prospect are Ireland's leading wind energy consultants

having constructed over 20% of the national installed capacity. Peter's academic qualifications include a degree in electrical engineering (UCD) with post-graduate diplomas in project management (TCD), construction law (TCD) and financial management (ACCA). Peter has over 10 years experience in the Irish electricity sector, is a chartered electrical engineer and a member of IWEA council.

Marguerite Sayers

Head of Asset Management, ESB Networks



Originally from Co. Kerry, Marguerite Sayers graduated with a degree in Electrical Engineering from UCC in 1991 and subsequently joined ESB. In her time with ESB, she has worked in the areas of

Network Construction and Maintenance, 38kV and MV Network Planning, Operational Control and HR in various locations throughout Ireland including Cork, Sligo, Limerick, Donegal and Dublin. Until recently, she held the position of Customer Service Manager for Dublin South, before being appointed to her present position as Head of Asset Management for ESB Networks at the end of 2010. In this role she has responsibility for ESB Networks Asset Management Policies, Network Investment & Renewables Planning, Procurement, Commercial and the Regulation interface.

Martin Finucane

Principal Officer, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources



Martin Finucane is Principal Officer in charge of the Sustainable and Renewable Energy Division in the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources. He is responsible for the development and promotion of renewable energy policy.

Jan Hylleberg

CEO, Danish Wind Industry Association



Since September 2008, Jan Hylleberg has been the managing director of the Danish Wind Industry Association. Jan Hylleberg came from a position as Assistant General Manager in the Danish Association of the

Pharmaceutical Industry, where he has been working since 1999. In that period he has been in charge of political activities and since 2004 Deputy Director. According to Jan Hylleberg wind power is the self-evident solution to environmental and climate challenges. As the director of the Danish Wind Industry he will work in an effort to strengthen the aggregate supply chain of the industry, and focus on the constant development of the framework conditions making Denmark a strong base on a globalised market. Maintaining the political support wind power hitherto has enjoyed in Denmark and converting this support into future political decision making is a condition precedent to this.

Brendan McGrath

CEO, Gaelectric



Brendan is a founding shareholder of Gaelectric Holdings PLC and Chief Executive Officer of the group. He has a background in company management, strategic planning and company start-ups across multiple

industries. Brendan has experience in manufacturing, supply management, logistics, marketing and sales. He is a council member of the Irish Wind Energy Association and has held executive positions in a number of local and international companies including: Marketing Director of Nokia Ltd., CEO of Tara MSL and Chairman of J.R. Bailey Distribution Ltd.

Stephen Woodhouse

Director, Pöyry Management Consulting



Stephen Woodhouse is a Director with Pöyry Management Consulting, and oversees their work in Ireland. He specialises in evolving energy markets, working with policy makers and regulators, and helping commercial

companies to profit from changing circumstances. On behalf of Pöyry, he led the project to draft the SEM Trading and Settlement Code, more recently helping to define the 2020 Demand Side Vision and how the market can be made compatible with the European day-ahead market coupling requirements. He has managed a series of multi-client studies on the implications of high levels of wind generation on the Irish, GB and North European electricity systems.

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