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Green Economy

12th October 2009
Banking Hall Westin Hotel Dublin



2nd Annual Offshore Wind Conference

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8.45 am Registration And Coffee

Session 1 Delivering Ireland's Energy Future

9.15 am Conference Welcoming Address – Brian Britton, Secretary, NOW Ireland

9.25 am Minister Eamon Ryan, Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources
Opening Address

9.45 am Questions & Answers with Minister Ryan

10.00 am Padraig McManus, Chief Executive Officer, Electricity Supply Board
Energy an Irish and International Perspective

10.20 am Brendan Halligan, Chairman, Sustainable Energy Ireland
Empowering Ireland's Energy Exports

10.40 am Questions and Answers

11.00 am Coffee Break

Session 2 Learning from the European Experience

11.30 am Commissioner Andris Piebalgs, EU Commissioner for Energy
Keynote Address

12.00 pm Questions & Answers with Commissioner Piebalgs

12.15 pm Christian Kjaer, Chief Executive Officer, European Wind Energy Association
Offshore Wind Energy in Europe: Oceans of Opportunity

12.35 pm Ian Marchant, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish & Southern Energy
Offshore Ireland: Making the transition from project plans to power output

12.55 pm Questions and Answers

1.05 pm Closing Remarks – Mr. Arno Verbeek, General Manager, Offshore Development, Airtricity

1.15 pm Offshore Wind Industry Lunch, Exchange Restaurant, Westin Hotel



■ **Eamon Ryan, T.D.**

Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources

Eamon Ryan was first elected to Dail Eireann in 2002. Prior to his appointment as Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, he was the Green Party spokesperson for Transport and Enterprise, Trade and Employment and opposition convener on the Joint Oireachtas Committee for Communication, Marine and Natural Resources. Prior to his election to the Dail he set up and ran two businesses, Irish Cycling Safaris and Belfield Bike Shop. He was an active member and chairman of the Dublin Cycling Campaign, and from 1995 to 2002 he served on the Advisory Committee of the Dublin Transport Office.



■ **Commissioner Andris Piebalgs**

EU Commissioner for Energy

Andris Piebalgs took up the post of Energy Commissioner in November 2004. Since the EU enlargement on 1st of May 2004, when the Commissioners of the new Member States came into the European Commission, he was heading the Cabinet of Latvian Commissioner Mrs. Sandra Kalniete. Before joining the European Commission, he worked for almost a decade in diplomacy. He started his diplomatic career in 1995 when he became the Ambassador of Latvia in Estonia. During five years – between 1998 and 2003 – he was the Ambassador of Latvia to the European Union, later – Undersecretary of State for EU affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia. Prior to this he was Minister of Education and later Minister of Finance of Latvia following a career in education.



■ **Ian Marchant**

Chief Executive, Scottish and Southern Energy

Ian Marchant was appointed Chief Executive of SSE in October 2002 having been Finance Director since 1998. He joined SSE's predecessor organisation, Southern Electric, in 1992 and joined its Board on becoming Finance Director in 1996. Ian has been Chairman of the United Kingdom Business Council for Sustainable Energy, is a member of Ofgem's Environmental Advisory Group, the Coal Forum and of the Energy Research Partnership. Ian is a non-Executive Director of Maggie's Cancer Centres and of John Wood Group PLC. He is also Chairman of Scotland's Climate Change Business Delivery Group



■ **Padraig McManus**

Chief Executive, Electricity Supply Board

Padraig McManus took up his appointment as ESB Chief Executive in July 2002 and has recently been re-appointed for a further three years. During his tenure, Ireland's largest semi-State company has undergone major change in a rapidly-evolving energy environment. ESB, under his leadership, has grown in value from approximately €2.5 billion to €6.5 billion and the company last year announced one of the largest capital spends in the history of the State with a major investment programme to make the company carbon-neutral by 2035. He guided ESB's multi-billion Euro investment in the renewal of electricity infrastructure, making it one of the most robust systems in Europe. The company decreased its generation share of the domestic market to 40 percent and proceeded with radical plans for expansion abroad.



■ **Brendan Halligan**

Chairman, Sustainable Energy Ireland

Brendan Halligan was appointed Chairman of SEI on October 1st 2007. As Chairman of SEI, Brendan has been involved in many of the key decisions in relation to the promotion and assistance of the development of sustainable energy in Ireland over the last number of years. He was formerly Chairman of Bord na Móna; a former member of the Seanad and Dáil Éireann; a former member of European Parliament and former Secretary General of the Labour Party. Brendan is also CEO of CIPA Consulting, Chairperson of the Institute of Interational and European Affairs and is on the board of Mainstream Renewable Power.



■ **Christian Kjaer**

Chief Executive Officer, European Wind Energy Association

Christian Kjaer was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the European Wind Energy Association (EWEA) in March 2006. He had previously held the post of Policy Director for EWEA and had worked on a wide range of policy issues for the association during an assignment in 2002. Christian steers the work of the organisation. He drafts EWEA's direction, vision and long-term strategy in collaboration with the President and the Executive Committee. He is responsible for their implementation and for reporting EWEA's strategic output to the Board. His responsibilities also include ensuring that EWEA's political impact and reputation as a trustworthy partner in the policy-making process is sustained. He represents the association in external forums, engages actively with the international institutions, the key stakeholders and NGOs, the members of EWEA and the media.



Now Ireland

NOW Ireland, the National Offshore Wind Association of Ireland, is the representative body for enterprises developing offshore wind energy projects in Irish coastal waters, including Airtricity, Codling Wind Park, Saorgus Energy, Oriel Windfarm and Fuinneamh Sceirde Teo. The founding member companies of NOW Ireland are poised to make an investment in excess of €5 billion to develop over 2000 MW of offshore wind energy capacity in Ireland.

NOW Ireland's primary goal is to promote the development of Ireland's substantial offshore wind resource to ensure Ireland leads the way in building a sustainable, green economy. To achieve this, NOW Ireland works in partnership with policy makers to increase their understanding of the potential of offshore wind energy. NOW Ireland, through its membership, has the capacity to support, promote, influence, represent and lobby to drive the offshore wind energy agenda forward.

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