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Office of the Director
of Corporate Enforcement

FURTHER CHARGES DIRECTED AGAINST CO. LOUTH MAN

Arising from an investigation conducted by the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement (“ODCE”) and following further directions from the Director of Public Prosecutions (“DPP”), Mr. Pearse O’Connor was brought before Dundalk District Court this morning. At this morning’s hearing, the Court was informed that Mr. O’Connor had, earlier this morning, been charged by a Detective attached to the ODCE with a further 8 counts of suspected offences contrary to Section 26 of the Criminal Justice (Theft & Fraud Offences) Act 2001 (Use of a False Instrument).

At a previous hearing before Dundalk District Court on 9 August 2018, the Court was informed that, following a direction from the DPP, Mr. O’Connor had been arrested and charged with 5 counts of suspected offences, i.e.:

- 1 count of a suspected offence contrary to Section 297 of the Companies Act 1963, as substituted by section 137 of the Companies Act 1990 (Fraudulent Trading);
- 3 counts of suspected offences contrary to Sections 7(1)(a)(ii), 7(1)(b) and 7(3) of the Criminal Justice (Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing) Act 2010 (Money Laundering); and
- 1 count of a suspected offence contrary to Section 26 of the Criminal Justice (Theft & Fraud Offences) Act 2001 (Use of a False Instrument).

At this morning’s hearing, Judge Coughlan remanded Mr. O’Connor on continuing bail for service of the Book of Evidence on 13 February 2019.

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