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Business Summit on *Ireland-U.S. Economic Relations* To Be Staged in New York March 15-16, 2017 *Joint effort with Ibec, Ireland's most influential business representative group*

New York, NY; February 6, 2017: *The Ireland-U.S. Council* will stage a Business Summit on *Ireland-U.S. Economic Relations* jointly with Ibec, Ireland's largest and most influential business employer representative organization. The event, which will include top internationally-recognized experts as speakers, will be held at the *Metropolitan Club* in New York City. It will open with a reception and dinner on the night of Wednesday, March 15 and will continue with morning sessions on **Thursday, March 16, 2017** concluding with lunch.

Among those confirmed and invited to speak are:

- **Dr. Arthur Laffer**, acclaimed economist and author, famous among other things for the *Laffer Curve*;
- **Michael Barone**, a distinguished political commentator and columnist;
- **Dr. Stephen Moore**, renowned economics commentator, who is a key adviser on the Trump Administration's emerging tax policies;
- **Wilbur Ross**, Secretary of Commerce-designate in the new Trump Administration;
- **Danny McCoy**, Chief Executive of Ibec
- **Mícheál Martin**, leader of Fianna Fáil, Ireland's principal opposition political party;

Brian W. Stack, the President of the Council based in New York, said "We are delighted this year to stage this Business Summit on *Ireland-U.S. Economic Relations* which we hope will lay down some direction markers for the future of the important bilateral business and commercial relationship that has blossomed between Ireland and America, especially during the past half-century."

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Mr. Stack added “We believe that this landmark Business Summit will provide a valuable forum for discussion of this vital and dynamic and economic partnership. The timing of the event, we believe, is propitious and crucial. Few can doubt that we have entered a period of profound political change in the Western world. The Business Summit will focus on discussion of key topics impacting companies conducting business in the Ireland-U.S. economic continuum at this time of rapid transformation as international political, economic and trading challenges multiply.”

Mr. Stack added “This Council’s mission is to encourage closer commercial connections and deeper business links between Ireland and the United States. It is our view that staging this important forum at this time will make a worthwhile contribution to building a better understanding for business leaders and those engaged in investment, trade and tourism activities in this partnership.”

Danny McCoy, Chief Executive of Dublin-based Ibec noted “We are delighted to partner with the Ireland-U.S. Council on this important Business Summit in New York City. I believe this gathering is well-timed and will enable thoughtful consideration of so many important issues facing businesses engaged in transatlantic commercial connections linking the United States and Ireland.

Mr. McCoy added “This is a time of rapid change and great uncertainty for businesses on both sides of the Atlantic. What will the impact be of Brexit on Ireland-U.S. economic relations? How will the shape and substance of the evolving Trump Administration’s economic policies affect American companies doing business in Ireland and Irish-based companies trading in the United States? What are the future conditions likely to be for businesses considering greenfield investments, corporate takeovers, inversions, intellectual property or other asset transfers? These questions, along with many others, will provide plenty of substance to be considered, discussed, weighed and reviewed during this landmark Business Summit.”

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The Ireland-U.S. Council was founded by business leaders in the United States and in Ireland. It is the premier transatlantic business organization that encourages and promotes business between Ireland and the United States and was established in the Fall of 1962. Its founding was in preparation for the visit of President John F. Kennedy to Ireland in the Spring of 1963, as a measure to build institutional form around a structure to improve business, economic and commercial relations between the two countries.

The Council operates a variety of scholarship and internship programs, stages seminars and hosts frequent events in Ireland and in America aimed at developing communications and dialogue between business and political leaders on both sides of the Atlantic. *The Ireland-U.S. Council* is a non-profit organization and has no partisan political aims or affiliations. The Council's membership ranks are comprised predominantly of senior executives in business and financial corporations in America and in Ireland. As part of its platform, the Council also supports and sponsors many initiatives in the arts. The Council is headquartered in New York City and has an office in Dublin.

The cost to attend the Business Summit is \$1,250 per person.

Here is what your Business Summit Registration Fee covers:

- All Business Summit Materials
- Cocktails & Dinner on Wednesday, March 15, 2017
- Business Summit Sessions on Thursday morning, March 16, 2017
- Cocktails & Lunch on Thursday, March 16, 2017
- Delegate Gift Bag at close of lunch

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