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ByrneWallace is pleased to invite you to join us for an insightful discussion on the future of the Energy sector in Ireland as our upcoming seminar entitled,

**“The Climate of Change – Opportunities & Challenges for Green Energy Today and Beyond”**

**which** takes place on Thursday 27 Sept at 6pm in our offices.

This event will address key opportunities and challenges for the renewable energy sector, both globally and from an Irish perspective, the likely future path of the Irish energy market and the key developments in the global energy market that may impact on this.

The keynote speaker is **Dr Eddie O’Connor**, Chairman of Mainstream Renewable Power who will provide his insights and views on the future of the energy market from a global perspective, with reference to the key challenges to the European political landscape

*“A Fresh Perspective for the Global Energy Landscape”:*

*Dr. Eddie O’Connor will provide his insights and views on the future of the energy market from a global perspective, with reference to the key challenges to the European political landscape such as Brexit, plus opportunities in the form of technological developments, more integrated European grid etc. and its impact on the future of the Irish Energy / Renewables market.*

His opening address will be followed by a panel discussion with leading industry experts on key issues affecting the sector. Panellists will include:

Mary Quaney, CFO, Mainstream Renewable Power

Ronan Doherty, CEO, ElectroRoute

Peter Lynch, Director of Asset Development / Head of Renewable Energy, Coillte; and

Paul Lynam, Head of Sectoral Policy, The British Irish Chamber of Commerce.

This discussion will be moderated by the firm's new Head of Energy, Gavin Blake.

Key themes to be discussed will include:

• Climate change – global political environment

• Notable regulatory developments in Ireland (e.g. I-SEM, RESS)

• Developments in green energy technology / adding further diversification to the renewable energy generation mix

• Investment in / financing of, renewable energy projects – current appetite / challenges

• EU targets for 2020 and 2030

• Impact of Brexit

The seminar will be followed by a drinks and canapé reception.

**If you and/ or a colleague would like to attend, please RSVP below before Friday 21 September.**

We hope that you can join us.

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Speaker Bios

**Eddie O’Connor, Co-founder and Chairman**

Following nine years as Mainstream’s Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Eddie O’Connor assumed the role of Executive Chairman during 2017. Previously, he founded Airtricity and was Chief Executive from 1997 to January 2008, during which time it moved to a leading global position in renewable energy. Eddie brought forward the concept of the European Offshore Supergrid which will guarantee European energy self-sufficiency as well as producing carbon free electricity.

In September 2009, he was presented with the first ever Leadership award at the annual Euromoney and Ernst & Young Global Renewable Energy Awards. In March 2014, Eddie was awarded the Poul la Cour award for his outstanding contribution to wind energy at the European Wind Energy Association’s annual conference. In May 2016, Eddie was appointed as the Global Wind Energy Council’s (GWEC) new Global Ambassador. He was named world energy policy leader by Scientific American magazine in 2003 and in 2012 Oil.com named him one of the top five most influential figures in U.S. clean energy.

**Mary Quaney, Chief Financial Officer**

Mary Quaney is Chief Financial Officer of Mainstream Renewable Power. She is a member of the Senior Management Team, is Group Company Secretary and a member of the Risk & Investment and the Social & Corporate Social Responsibility Committees. She has responsibility for all areas of finance and IS; including financial planning, financial reporting, treasury, tax and has significant transactional and structuring experience.

Mary has 17 years’ experience in finance and corporate tax. She has been with Mainstream since 2009 and has previous experience with an Irish headquartered plc and PricewaterhouseCoopers. Mary is a Fellow Chartered Accountant (FCA) and Chartered Tax Adviser (CTA) with graduate and post-graduate qualifications from University College Dublin.