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1. INTRODUCTION

The CRO Mission Statement is to:

ensure a high level of filing of returns due, a rapid turnaround of the information on those returns with the assurance that the information provided to us complies with the relevant statutory provisions and that the information supplied by us accurately reflects that provided.

We divide that statement into its three parts covering INPUT, getting companies to file returns due, OUTPUT, ensuring that the public have ready access to those documents and QUALITY, endeavouring as far as possible that the documents are properly completed and that we furnish correct information in turn.

INPUT

Enforcement

We have undertaken in our enforcement activities to focus our actions on companies with a history of repeated late filings by way of:

- Supplementing our standard pre-and post-ARD reminder notices to companies, by sending notices to the directors of such companies at their residential addresses, and
- Intensifying the level of section 371 High Court actions against such companies.

While the new notices elicited responses from some directors who had hitherto not responded to notices addressed to their companies, the interaction between the CRO and the CSSO on the section 371 front did not yield a sufficient number of cases for the courts until towards the end of the year.

Our key measure of compliance is the number of companies up-to-date at any given time in the filing of their annual return and accounts. For annual report purposes we measure that figure as at 31 December. The rate of progress under that heading was disappointing. The figure at 31 December 2007 was 88.5% as opposed to 88% a year earlier. We had hoped to achieve 89.5%.

For the number of companies filing a current return we had set a target of 92% in the business plan and reached 90% up from 89% in 2006. We set a target of 80% of companies to file on time in 2007 and achieved 77% up from 75% in 2006.

Revenue from late filing penalties remained high at €17.9 million. That is however a reduction from €20.7 million in the previous year.

We need to continue our efforts to drive down non-compliance and late filing penalties.

Liquidations and receiverships

We achieved our targets for processing and scanning of initial documents for liquidations, receiverships and examinerships but we were not able to achieve the integration of these processes into the integrated enforcement environment on which our enforcement processes are based.

OUTPUT

Documents received electronically can be readily made available for inspection.

In 2007, 125,000 returns were filed electronically, a 50% increase over the previous year. It was encouraging that these numbers were particularly strong towards the end of the year giving rise to the hope of continued growth in 2008. If the percentages for the last quarter of 2007 are sustained then we can anticipate a further 30% increase in 2008. We are hopeful however that we can exceed that figure.

Backfile Project

In preparation for the full decentralisation to Carlow we embarked on a project, in 2006, to scan all of the pre-1990 documents for live companies, which had not been scanned. During 2007, more than half a million documents were scanned and indexed, over 70% of which have been transferred to the imaging system and are now available online for public inspection. There remain only a few documents that require indexing. As a result, requests for "hard files" on live companies have virtually ceased.

Bulk Data

We achieved our objective of delivering data products to CRO customers in accordance with published delivery commitments.

Web Search facility

We set a target for 2007 of 92% of searches carried out on line. This target was exceeded by September 2007 with more than 93% conducted online in October and November. This compares to 91% in November 2006.

Postal Lodgements

The receipt of submissions through the cash system remains a critical output from the Office as delays in recording documents result in a diminution of customer service and impact on the enforcement process.

For 2007 we undertook to process all documents submitted by the public within the day and process all postal lodgements within three days of receipt at normal times and to clear them within seven days of receipt at peak times of the year.

The Office continued to deal with the seasonal peaks in a timely manner. No large backlogs were allowed to accumulate in 2007.

The major project undertaken by the Office in 2007 was the decentralization of the Postal Lodgements and Annual Returns Section of the Office to Carlow in July (see detailed note below).

A total of almost 406,219 submissions were received throughout the year, of which over 172,805 were annual returns. Almost 50,000 submissions were received and processed through the cash system during the month of October 2007 alone. Almost 28,000 of these were annual returns of which nearly 7,000 were electronic.

Public Office Lodgements

While postal lodgements are handled by the Carlow office, documents are also lodged in person in the Dublin Office and our commitment to process all documents received in Dublin, and account for receipts, within the day was achieved.

Processing of Current Post-Incorporation documents

The registration of documents other than annual returns was kept up to date during the year and the preliminary processing of annual returns was also satisfactorily completed, particularly during the peak filing periods in January and October.

The scanning of documents was also achieved in good time.

Mortgages

We achieved our targets of scanning mortgage documents within 7 days of receipt and keeping the Slavenburg list completely up to date. Slippage has occurred in the registration of mortgages within the 14 day limit set out in the Business Plan.

Business Names

Most electronic applications were registered within the target period of 5 to 7 working days of receipt with particular attention given to electronically filed applications.

Post Incorporation - Unit A

There was a major re-organisation of the work of the section with a number of the current tasks transferred to the Carlow office.

A-List achieved its scanning objectives for the year within the targeted times and implemented, as indicated in the business plan, the new workflow system for registering various post-incorporation forms. While registration was generally satisfactory, a backlog of B10, notification of change of officer, forms had accumulated by year-end which has since been cleared.

A-List also gave extensive support to the ODCE and other government bodies for provision of original documents, the certification of documents or provision of section 370 certificates.

Limited Partnerships and External companies

We achieved our targets for the processing and scanning of documents under this heading but we have not yet completed the exercise of updating the register of external companies by contacting each branch that is in arrears with filing.

System Downtime

Our commitment was to ensure a rapid response to unplanned downtime.

Unplanned System downtime was minimal during the year.

Disaster Recovery

We undertook to have a trial run during 2007 of a complete transfer of IT systems to a replica system off-site.

The image storage facility and the database have been replicated and moved off-site. Work is almost complete on the replication of all other applications. It was anticipated that this work would be completed in 2007 and all replicas moved off-site and that a mock-up of a disaster recovery could be conducted. Some of that work remains to be done in 2008.

QUALITY

Business Process Re-engineering (BPR)

In December 2006 it was decided by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment that 32 staff from CRO would decentralise to Carlow the following July, in advance of the full decentralisation of the Office in 2009.

A decision was taken as to which functions should be moved and a BPR committee was convened to look at what changes in current processes were required in this new structure and to examine potential for improvement. The committee consisted of a cross section of the office by grade and location. The committee reported their conclusions in June 2007 and the resulting document is used as a high level procedures manual for both offices. The manual has been and will be continually reviewed in light of lessons learned.

E Filing

CRO's principal means of dealing with the increased volumes of registration resulting from greater compliance is the automation of its processes. The outsourced key-up of annual return data has largely automated the registration process for these forms. This outsourcing is slowly being replaced by enabling and encouraging the presenters to key up the data and file the returns online.

A facility for electronic filing of the annual return was added to our online filing environment, CORE and was formally launched in April 2007. The web-based annual return filing application presents to

the filer a pre-filled annual return, which they only have to check, amend where appropriate and sign. This facility has proved extremely successful, with more than 17% of annual returns filed by this method in December 2007. Its availability is advertised in every ARD notification letter, which also encloses an instruction leaflet.

The main advantage of this method for the CRO and the customer is that it checks and validates the content of the form against the register, thereby reducing errors and the resulting need to return the document to the presenter with queries. It also enables the documents without queries to be registered by the IT system without any human intervention. More than 60% of annual returns filed from this application are being registered automatically. That saves time and money for companies and their agents as well as for the CRO. The cost saving is passed back to clients in the form of lower filing fees and the information available is of an increasingly high quality and accuracy.

As can be seen from the table below, the take-up of the e-filed annual return was very slow compared to other forms. A number of measures have resulted in the disproportionate increase since 2005:

- The introduction of the statutory Electronic Filing Agent (EFA) in December 2005,
- The differential in fees for electronic filing introduced in December 2005
- Functionality was added, in 2006, to third party software packages which now allows clients to choose to generate a signature page that will be signed by the Director/Secretary and
- The launch of the web-based pre-filled annual return in April 2007.

An online form B69 (declaration that a person has ceased to be a director or secretary of a company which has failed to send notification of the said cessation) was added to CORE in February 2007. If filed electronically there is no fee. This is to cater in particular for company formation agents who, due to the historic, now ceased, practice of forming shelf companies, are recorded as directors of companies from which they have, long since, resigned. However, the companies have failed to notify the Registrar. We are anxious to clean up the register by facilitating the filing of the form B69 in these cases. The number of B69s filed almost doubled in 2007 to more than 1,000 with over half of these being filed electronically.

During 2007 the take-up of e-filing continued to increase. The following shows the increase since 2003:

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
B10 change in director/secretary	16.9%	28.7%	43.6%	46.9%	52.2%
B1 Annual Return	1.1%	4.2%	5.4%	9.3%	23.4%
B2 change in Registered Office	20.2%	36.0%	46.8%	56.4%	58.5%
Bus Names Registration & changes	9.2%	26.5%	44.1%	65.9%	71.6%
Others	n/a	n/a	n/a	18.8%	22.4%

Strategy to Encourage Take-up of e-Filing

In our 2007 Business Plan we undertook to launch a nationwide training programme and commence an advertising campaign to promote the pre-filled annual return. These are what we expect to be the main constituents of a strategy to encourage the take-up of e-filing which will be developed and implemented with the assistance of an external contractor. In advance of embarking on this strategy, it was decided that we should try to identify the obstacles, real or perceived, to the take-up of e-filing. Market research was conducted at the end of the year and the results will inform the development of the strategy. The results were encouraging and suggest that two thirds of filing agents are filing electronically, half of those filing annual returns by this method.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

CORE (Companies Online Registration Environment)

CORE allows presenters to view, in a managed environment, up to date information on companies for which they are a filing agent. It also allows customers to view their accounts' statements and transactions. The e-filing environment has been integrated into CORE, providing a much improved functionality for the management of e-filed forms. Its popularity continues to increase, receiving more than 11,000 unique visitors in October 2007. Additional functionality was added in 2007 to allow customers to download their account statements. A version in Irish has also been added.

Information Unit

The number of calls received during 2007 was similar to those received during 2006 with nearly 160,000 calls received during the year i.e. an average of 3,048 calls per week.

An e-mail handling system is available to give customers alternative methods of contacting the office (info@cro.ie).

Over 15,740 e-mails were answered during 2007. This is 24% up on e-mails answered in 2006. 74% of e-mails were replied to within 8 hours of receipt.

The CRO is encouraging its customers to e-mail their queries to the office instead of phoning, where the information unit will endeavour to reply to their questions that same day.

Publications

The CRO published an ezine monthly during 2007. This is an electronic bulletin that informs subscribers of the current developments within the Office and also notifies subscribers of future events.

In Spring 2007 an information bulletin issued to all company directors. It dealt with filing an online annual return and changes in disclosure requirements.

An advertising campaign was conducted to inform customers regarding the new arrangements resulting from the partial decentralisation.

In 2007 the CRO did an upgrade to its website following technical difficulties. A new content management tool was installed and the new website was available to the public from early August.

Customer Present Credit Card Facility

A preferred provider of customer present credit card payment facilities has been selected. The implementation will be completed during 2008.

DECENTRALISATION

Postal Lodgements and Annual Returns Section, Carlow

The first phase of the decentralisation of the Companies Registration Office (CRO) to Carlow was implemented with effect from 30 July, 2007, when 32 staff of the CRO took up duty in a newly constructed office at O'Brien Road, Carlow.

This was a major undertaking, not just in terms of the logistical and IT aspects of such a move, but also in terms of integrating and training a new corps of staff as the majority of the people involved in the move had not previously worked in the CRO. The Carlow office is equipped to the highest standard and is operating a new integrated document receipt and scanning process to shorten the time taken to make documents available for public inspection. The office is successfully receiving and processing over 1,000 annual returns and statutory filings a day.

The primary purpose of the new office in Carlow is to act as a postal lodgements office and annual return processing section for the CRO. The rationale for this decision was that the opening of post, processing to "received" stage and immediate scanning of documents would eliminate the need for paper documents to be routed in several directions, thereby reducing the incidence of documents being mislaid. The staff in Dublin based sections of CRO now work off the scanned images while the original documents are stored in Carlow. Requests from staff in Dublin for documents to be retrieved for re-scanning or return are submitted through an electronic Workflow system and processed by the staff in Carlow. This system is working very well.

The specific functions which moved to Carlow and the performance standards set for them are set out below:

Back Cash: The following documents, and accompanying fees, received in the post in Carlow are now processed to "received" status in Carlow:

- annual returns and correspondence regarding annual returns,
- submissions relating to:
 - directors, secretaries, registered office address, auditors,
 - liquidations, receivership, wind-up, amendments to share capital,
 - amendments to memoranda and articles of associations,
 - restorations, resolutions, changes to membership, prospectuses.
- applications to open customer accounts and cheques for lodgment to customer accounts.

The timeframes and success rates for processing documents are as follows:

Processing documents to “received” stage: Urgent post is received within 24 hours, exact fees within 48 hours, ordinary post within 72 hours and within 5 days during peak periods. These standards are generally being achieved. 172,805 annual returns were received in 2007 of which 32,000 were returned due to a variety of reasons. Over half of those were returned because they were late and required a late filing penalty and, in many cases, audited accounts.

Scanning: All documents received in Carlow are being scanned and stored in Carlow. The timescales for scanning are 24 hours after receipt onto the Registration System, normally, and 72 hours at peak periods.

Returns/rescans: Documents are being returned or rescanned on foot of requests from Dublin within 24 hours if urgent, 48 hours normally and within 5 days at peak times.

Registration of e-filed annual returns: Due to the upheaval involved in setting up the new office in Carlow, registration of those electronic annual returns which do not auto register has fallen behind but it is intended to clear this backlog before the end of 2008. The aim is to extend the use of the pre-filled annual return as a means of reducing and eliminating the backlog of unregistered but received and scanned annual returns.

Request for waivers of late penalties: Transmission of decisions on appeals against imposition of late filing fees or related issues within 2 weeks of receipt.

Filing & storage: It was intended that following decentralisation, all CRO documents would be sent to Carlow for storage and that Carlow would become the central repository for all CRO documents both current and historical. Due to difficulties in sourcing a suitable off-site storage facility in Carlow, this could not be fully implemented in 2007 but it is expected to be operational in the latter half of 2008.

The Carlow office is a postal lodgements office only and does not have a public counter. The CRO's public enquiries and lodgements office remains in Dublin.

The decentralisation of the remainder of the CRO to Carlow is scheduled to take place in 2010.

APPENDIX 1

DETAILED STATISTICS

Make up of Register and Activity on the Register

Make up of register of companies at end 2007

	2006	%	2007	%
Private Limited	148,643	87.06	157,345	86.98
Public Limited	1,561	0.91	1,633	0.9
Unlimited	3,145	1.84	3,378	1.86
Guarantee	13,694	8.02	14,598	8.7
External	3,658	2.19	3,696	2.04
EEIG	18	-	20	-
Total	170,719		180,891	

Note : this table excludes companies in the course of liquidation

Activity on the register of companies in 2007

	2006	2007	% +/-
Total New Companies Registered	19,190	18,704	-2.99
of which			
Private limited	17,327	17,142	-1.76
Public Limited	359	172	-52.09
Unlimited	115	178	+54.78
Guarantee	1,346	1,189	-11.67
Restorations			
By Companies within one year of strike off	749	599	-20.03
By the High Court or Circuit Court	205	206	+0.48
Companies Dissolved	10,140	9,333	-8.96
Net Change	+10,004	+10,338	

Total number of new companies incorporated in 2007:	18,704
Total number of companies dissolved during 2007:	9,333
Total number of companies restored to the register in 2007:	805
Number of single member companies on register:	35,294

Restoration of Companies to the Register

Section 311(8) and section 311A of the Companies Act, 1963, and section 12B.(3) and section 12C of the Companies (Amendment) Act, 1982 provide for the restoration of a dissolved company to the Register of companies. A company may be restored to the Register by application to the:

- High Court before twenty years have elapsed from the date of dissolution;
- Circuit Court before twenty years have elapsed from the date of dissolution, where the applicant is a creditor;
- Registrar of Companies before twelve months have elapsed from the date of dissolution, where the application is made by or on behalf of the company.

Year	Companies Restored to the Register	Companies on the Register	%
2002	618	154,242	0.4
2003	296	148,303	0.2
2004	729	157,502	0.5
2005	673	160,707	0.4
2006	954	170,719	0.6
2007	805	180,891	0.4

External Register

Companies on external register at 31 December 2007:

	2006	2007
Branches (EU)	1,114	1,240
Branches (Non-EU)	261	285
Place of business	2,281	2,168
Total on external register	3,656	3,693

Changes of Company Name

During 2007 a total of 2,310 company changes of name were approved. This figure includes companies which were directed to change name under Section 23 (2) of the Companies Act 1963. In 2006 there were 2,102 changes in company name and 1,817 in 2005.

Permission To Omit “Limited”

In 2007 the following associations/companies were granted permission to omit “Limited” from their names:

ABILITY WEST
AGAPE MINISTRIES IRELAND
ANNAGHDOWN PARISH COUNCIL
APPLE TREE FOUNDATION
ARROW LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
THE AUTHOR CHRISTIAN MISSION
BON SECOURS FOUNDATION
BOOKSHAREMOZAMBIQUE
BROTHERS OF CHARITY SERVICES CLARE
BROTHERS OF CHARITY SERVICES GALWAY
BROTHERS OF CHARITY SERVICES LIMERICK
BROTHERS OF CHARITY SERVICES ROSCOMMON
BROTHERS OF CHARITY SERVICES SOUTH EAST
BROTHERS OF CHARITY SOUTHERN SERVICES
CATALYST FOR CONTRIBUTION
CHRISTIAN CONGREGATION IN IRELAND
CITAS CHARITY PROJECTS
AN COIMISIÚN LE RINCÍ GAEACHA
COON RE-DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
COPSD
CO. WICKLOW COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP
CRASH ENSEMBLE
DANESFORT VOLUNTARY HOUSING ASSOCIATION
DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY TRUST
DOCKLANDS HOUSING TRUST
THE DOMINICAN BIBLICAL INSTITUTE
THE DUN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN VOLUNTEER CENTRE
FR. JOSEPH K. BILL FOUNDATION
FEIS CEOIL ASSOCIATION
FRIENDS IN IRELAND
HORSE SPORT IRELAND
ICE SKATING ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND
ICOMOS IRELAND
THE INTENSIVE CARE SOCIETY OF IRELAND
IONAD DORNALAÍOCHTA & ACLÁÍOCHTA SHÉAIN UÍ MHAINÍN
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS
THE IRISH FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN IN CHINA
IRISH NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS
JAMES JOYCE CULTURAL CENTRE
KILKENNY CHRISTIAN CENTRE
KILLARNEY COMMUNITY SERVICES

Permission to omit Limited continued

LOUTH LEADER PARTNERSHIP
NATIONAL VOLUNTARY CHILDCARE COLLABORATIVE
ONE FIFTY ONE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
THE PRESS COUNCIL OF IRELAND
SAOIRSE CARE AND WELL – BEING FOUNDATION
SAMARITANS IRELAND
SCOUTING IRELAND
SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETING SERVICE
SMALL FOUNDATION
SOCIAL FINANCE FOUNDATION
TRAMORE DEVELOPMENT TRUST
USPG IRELAND
VINCENTIAN LAY MISSIONARIES

Enforcement Activities for 2007

Strike Off Process

Companies dissolved (struck off for failure to file returns)	4,085
Companies dissolved under Section 882 of Consolidated Finance Acts (Revenue Strikeoff)	149
Companies dissolved (voluntary strikeoff)	3,975

Company Prosecutions

Number of companies prosecuted	87
Number of companies convicted	68
Total amount of fines imposed	€83,650
Average fine imposed	€1230

Directors Prosecutions

Number of directors prosecuted	16
Number of directors convicted	15
Total amount of fines imposed	€18,927.6
Average fine imposed	€1,261.84

Solvency

Examinership notifications received

	2005	2006	2007
Application to the court for the appointment of an examiner :	6	9	22
Court order appointing an examiner :	4	3	19
Court order appointing interim examiner :	3	1	10
Court order confirming scheme of arrangements :	5	0	5
Court order amending scheme of arrangements :	None	2	1
Court order ceasing protection from the court :	None	None	1
Examinerships in force at year end :	None	None	9

Examinership

Twenty one companies went into examinership in 2007. By year end, seven had returned to normal status, five had entered court liquidation and nine companies were in examinership at the end of 2007.

Receiverships

	2006	2007
Number of companies in receivership at year end	250	233
Number of companies which went into receivership during year	17	14

Liquidations by type notified to CRO

	2006	2007
Members Voluntary	931	1055
Creditors Voluntary	323	298
Court Liquidations	31	36
Total	1,285	1,389

Companies in liquidation

Year	Number in course of liquidation
1998	5,384
1999	5,604
2000	5,206
2001	4,506
2002	4,100
2003	3,989
2004	3,929
2005	3,746
2006	4,026
2007	4,294

Notifications That Proper Books Were Not Kept

In accordance with the provisions of section 194 of the Companies Act 1990, the Registrar received notices in respect of the following companies during 2007 :

Company Name	Company Number
M & S PLANT SPARES LIMITED	358534
MEDIASATELLITE IRELAND LIMITED	300584
D & N JOINERY LIMITED	360990
NORTH DUBLIN CABS 2000 LIMITED	303693
BOULGERS OF OUGHTERARD LIMITED	380917
CLOUDBURY DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED	317968
LOSIDA LIMITED	350449
MICHAEL O'BRIEN (CLAREMORRIS) LIMITED	92823
DRUMDALE GATE LIMITED	305720
JOHN NOLAN PLANT HIRE (SWINFORD) LIMITED	300602
ANIKE DUBLIN LIMITED	377236
BERTRAM COURT MANAGEMENT LIMITED	201432
BEIRNE HAULAGE LIMITED	74282
KILBARRACK AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	48564
ACCOLADE LIMITED	106863
IRISHGEN LIMITED	334444
KIERNAN RISSMAN KRAMP AND COMPANY LIMITED	385895
MCANENLY FUELS LIMITED	385871
BARTY O'BRIEN LIMITED	97031
TRADOS IRELAND LIMITED	266417
AREISH ENTERPRISES LIMITED	278100
WMC TRADE SALES LIMITED	381050
MILLERBROOK CAPITAL INTERNATIONAL LIMITED	314335
NIGHTLINK LIMITED	274634
DOTER LIMITED	319798
BANBURY CROSS LIMITED	229676
ADALMA LIMITED	289611
ADAMSGOLD LIMITED	287699
BLARNEY CASTLE KNITWEAR LIMITED	62166
TRUMPS LIMITED	143016
M. F. (DUN NA NGALL) TEORANTA	133731
MOCHA MANIA LIMITED	253409
SPICE OF LIFE CATERING LIMITED	405473
BIA BUNBEAG TEORANTA	410847

Registration of Prospectuses

Prospectuses

The Investment Funds, Companies and miscellaneous provisions Act 2005 and SI 324 /2005 which gave effect to the Prospectus Directive 2003/71/EC were enacted in June 2005. In succeeding years these will result in a reduction in the number of prospectuses received at the CRO.

All prospectuses over €2,500,000 require prior approval by IFSRA.

Only those relating to Irish registered companies may then be presented to the CRO for registration.

Local offers defined as such by being less than €2,500,000 whether for Irish or foreign registered companies should be presented to the CRO for registration.

New forms B18 & B18A have been created with ease of registration a priority.

Domestic Prospectuses over €2,500,000

262 companies registered in the state submitted prospectuses during the year. Prospectuses were registered by the following companies:

ACS AIRCRAFT FINANCE IRELAND 2 LIMITED
AEGON GLOBAL INSTITUTIONAL MARKETS PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
AGCERT INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
AIB MORTGAGE BANK
ALDERMANBURY STRUCTURED RETURNS PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
ALEXANDRIA CAPITAL PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
ALLIED IRISH BANKS PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
ALPSTAR CLO 2 PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
AMALIE I LIMITED
AMARYLLIS ASSET LINKED SECURITIES LIMITED
AMETHYST STRUCTURED FINANCE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
AMINEX PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
ANDERSON VALLEY CDO PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
ANDERSON VALLEY II CDO PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
ANGLO IRISH BANK CORPORATION PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
ANTHRACITE EURO CRE CDO 2006-1 PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
ANTHRACITE INVESTMENTS (IRELAND) PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
ANTLER FINANCE LIMITED
APHEX CAPITAL PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
AQUARIUS + INVESTMENTS PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
AQUILAE CLO II PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
ARCADE FINANCE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
ARGON CAPITAL PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
ARIA CDO II (IRELAND) PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
ASSET REBALANCING COMPANY PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
ATHENEE CDO PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
AURELIUS CAPITAL CDO 2007-1 LIMITED
AURORA CREDIT FUNDING PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
AVOCA CLO VII PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

Domestic contd

BANESTO FINANCIAL PRODUCTS PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
BANK OF IRELAND MORTGAGE BANK
BANTRY BAY CDO I PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
BARBICAN INVESTMENTS PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
BEECHWOOD STRUCTURED FINANCE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
BELO PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
BLACKROCK SENIOR INCOME SERIES V, LIMITED
BLUEBONNET FINANCE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
BRENDAN INVESTMENTS PAN EUROPEAN PROPERTY PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
BROOKFIELDS CAPITAL PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
BSPB FINANCE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
CABOT FUNDING PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
CAIRN CPDO 1 FINANCE LIMITED
CAIRN EURO ABS CDO I PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
CASTELLANA FINANCE. LIMITED
CAVENDISH SQUARE FUNDING 2 LIMITED
CEDO PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
CELF LOAN PARTNERS IV PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
CELTIC RESIDENTIAL IRISH MORTGAGE SECURITISATION NO.12 LIMITED
CERIGO CAPITAL LIMITED
CHANNEL CAPITAL PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
CHESS III LIMITED
CHEYNE CREDIT SPI (IRELAND) PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
CITRINE FINANCE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
CLIFTON I CDO LIMITED
CLOVERIE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
CORIOLANUS LIMITED
CORNERSTONE TITAN 2007-1 PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
CORSAIR FINANCE (IRELAND) LIMITED
CORSAIR FINANCE (IRELAND) NO. 4 LIMITED
CORSAIR FINANCE (IRELAND) NO. 6 LIMITED
CORSAIR FINANCE (IRELAND) NO.17 LIMITED
CORSAIR FINANCE (IRELAND) NO.2 LIMITED
CORSAIR FINANCE (IRELAND) NO.9 LIMITED
CORTEX FINANCE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
COSMO FINANCE 2007-1 LIMITED
CREDIT-LINKED ENHANCED ASSET REPACKAGINGS (C.L.E.A.R.) PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
CRH GROUP FUNDING LIMITED
CROWN ASIA-PACIFIC PRIVATE EQUITY PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
CROWN EUROPEAN BUYOUT OPPORTUNITIES II PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
CROWN PRIVATE EQUITY PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
D-STAR FINANCE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
DALI CAPITAL PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
DECO 15 - PAN EUROPE 6 LIMITED
DEKANIA EUROPE CDO III PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
DEPFA ACS BANK
DEPFA BANK PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
DIAMOND FINANCE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
DRYDEN XV EURO CLO 2006 PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

Domestic contd

DRYDEN XVIII LEVERAGED LOAN 2007 LIMITED
DUBLIN OAK LIMITED
DUNCANNON CRE CDO 1 PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
EATON VANCE CDO X PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
EDELWEISS CAPITAL PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
EIRLES ONE LIMITED
EIRLES THREE LIMITED
EIRLES TWO LIMITED
ELVA FUNDING PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
EMERALD CAPITAL LIMITED
EMPYREAN FINANCE (IRELAND) PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
EPERON FINANCE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
EPIC (CULZEAN) PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
EPIC (VALUE RETAIL) LIMITED
ESPACCIO SECURITIES PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
ESPIRITO SANTO INVESTMENT PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
EURO EPICS I PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
EUROCASTLE CDO III PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
EUROCHEM FINANCE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
EUROCONNECT ISSUER LC 2007-1 LIMITED
EUROCREDIT CDO VI PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
EUROCREDIT CDO VII PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
EUROCREDIT CDO VIII LIMITED
EUROHOME MORTGAGES 2007-1 PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
EXPLORA INVESTMENT FUNDS PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
FAB US 2006-1 PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
FAIRPORT CAPITAL INVESTMENTS PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
FLEET STREET FINANCE THREE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
FORAOIS FUNDING LIMITED
FRESHWATER FINANCE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
GALENA CDO II (IRELAND) PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
GILLESPIE CLO PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
GOLDMAN SACHS ASSET MANAGEMENT CLO, PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
GPB EUROBOND FINANCE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
GREEN ISLAND CAPITAL SECURITIES PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
GREENSTREET STRUCTURED FINANCIAL PRODUCTS PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
HARVEST CLO V PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
HEARTLAND FUNDING PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
HELABA INTERNATIONAL FINANCE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
HILLENBRAND PARTNERS (IRELAND) LIMITED
HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
IBOND SECURITIES PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
IMMEO RESIDENTIAL FINANCE NO. 2 LIMITED
IMPACTOR CREDIT SPI (IRELAND) PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
INFINITY FINANCE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
INTERNATIONAL SECURITIES TRADING CORPORATION PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
IONIA CAPITAL PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
IRIDAL PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

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IRIDIUM CAPITAL PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
IRIS II SPV LIMITED
IRIS SPV PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
IVORY CDO LIMITED
IXION PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
KESTREL FUNDING PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
KILDARE SECURITIES LIMITED
KINTYRE CLO I PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
LAGOON FINANCE LIMITED
LE MONDE CDO I PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
LEGAL & GENERAL PROTECTED INVESTMENTS PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
LEVANTO PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
LIBRETTO CAPITAL PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
LIGHTPOINT PAN-EUROPEAN CLO 2006 PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
LOCKWOOD FINANCE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
LOMBARD STREET CLO I PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
LUNAR FUNDING V PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
LUSITANO MORTGAGES NO.6 LIMITED
M&G CREDIT FINANCE (IRELAND) PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
MAGNOLIA FINANCE I PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
MAGNOLIA FINANCE II PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
MAGNOLIA FINANCE III LIMITED
MAGNOLIA FINANCE IV PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
MAGNOLIA FINANCE V PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
MAGNOLIA FINANCE VI PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
MAGNOLIA FINANCE VII PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
MAGNOLIA FINANCE VIII LIMITED
MCINERNEY HOLDINGS PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
MDM INTERNATIONAL FUNDING PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
MENTON CDO IV LIMITED
MERCATOR CLO II PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
MERCATOR CLO III LIMITED
MERMAID SECURED FINANCE LIMITED
MOTIF FINANCE (IRELAND) PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
NATINIUM FINANCIAL PRODUCTS PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
NBT FINANCE LIMITED
NEW BOND STREET CDO 2 LIMITED
NIMROD CAPITAL PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
NITRO INTERNATIONAL SECURITISATION COMPANY 2 PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
NOMOS CAPITAL PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
OAK HILL EUROPEAN CREDIT PARTNERS II PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
OCELOT CDO I PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
OCELOT CDO III PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
OMEGA CAPITAL EUROPE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
OMEGA CAPITAL INVESTMENTS II PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
OMEGA CAPITAL INVESTMENTS PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
OPAL FINANCIAL PRODUCTS PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
OPERA GERMANY (NO.2) PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

Domestic contd

ORIENT EXPRESS FINANCE LIMITED
ORTELIUS FINANCE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
OTTAM MEXICAN CAPITAL TRUST LIMITED
PEARL FINANCE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
PLETTENBERG BAY CDO LIMITED
PREMIUM GREEN PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
PREPS 2007-1 PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
PROFILE FINANCE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
PROMETHEUS CAPITAL PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
PROVENTUS EUROPEAN ABS CDO PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
PROVIDE BRICKS MORTGAGES PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
QUARTZ FINANCE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
RECOLTE SECURITIES PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
RED & BLACK PRIME RUSSIA MBS NO.1 LIMITED
RENAISSANCE CONSUMER FUNDING LIMITED
RHINEBRIDGE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
RUBY FINANCE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
SACHSEN LB EUROPE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
SAPHIR CDO (IRELAND) PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
SAPHIR FINANCE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
SATURNS INVESTMENTS EUROPE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
SCANDINOTES FIVE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
SCHRODER PRIVATE EQUITY FUND OF FUNDS IV PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
SECTOR RE LIMITED
SEGAIS FINANCE LIMITED
SHAMROCK CAPITAL PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
SIERRA FINANCE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
SIGMA-1 CLO-2007 LIMITED
SIGNUM FINANCE 1 PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
SIGNUM FINANCE II PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
SIGNUM FINANCE III PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
SIGNUM FINANCE V PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
SILENUS (EUROPEAN LOAN CONDUIT NO. 25) LIMITED
SILK ROAD PLUS PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
SILVERSTATE FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
SIV PORTFOLIO PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
SMURFIT KAPPA GROUP PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
STARLING FINANCE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
STARTS (IRELAND) PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
STRAWINSKY I PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
SVG DIAMOND PRIVATE EQUITY III PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
SYSTEMS 2001 ASSET TRUST IRELAND FINANCE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
TABERNA EUROPE CDO I PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
TABERNA EUROPE CDO II PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
TALISMAN - 6 FINANCE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
TALISMAN-5 FINANCE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
TALISMAN-7 FINANCE LIMITED
TAURUS CMBS (PAN-EUROPE) 2007-1 LIMITED

Domestic contd

TFB FINANCE LIMITED
THEBES CAPITAL PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
TITAN EUROPE 2006-5 PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
TITAN EUROPE 2007-1 (NHP) LIMITED
TITAN EUROPE 2007-2 LIMITED
TITAN EUROPE 2007-3 LIMITED
TITANIUM CAPITAL PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
TRANSALP 1 SECURITIES PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
TRANSALP 2 SECURITIES PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
TRANSCAPITALINVEST LIMITED
TRANSCREDIT FINANCE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
TRANSREGIONALCAPITAL LIMITED
TROPEZ PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
ULSTER BANK IRELAND LIMITED
URSA FINANCE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
VALLERIITE CDO I PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
VENICE FINANCE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
VESPUCCI STRUCTURED FINANCIAL PRODUCTS PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
VIGADO CAPITAL PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
VITYAZ LIMITED
VOYCE INVESTMENTS PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
VULCAN (EUROPEAN LOAN CONDUIT NO. 28) LIMITED
WATERFORD CAPITAL INVESTMENTS PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
WATERFORD WEDGWOOD PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
WAVES FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
WESTLB COVERED BOND BANK PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
WHITE TOWER EUROPE 2007- 1 PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
WILLOW NO.1 (IRELAND) PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
WINDERMERE X CMBS LIMITED
WINDERMERE XIV CMBS LIMITED
WINDMILL CLO I LIMITED
WISE 2006-1 PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
XELO II PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
XELO IV PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
XELO PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
XELO V PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
XENON CAPITAL PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
ZOO ABS 4 PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
ZOO HF 3 PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
ZULMA FINANCE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

Local Offerings – Domestic

UNITED DRUG PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
PRAMERICA SYSTEMS IRELAND LIMITED
AMGEN TECHNOLOGY (IRELAND)
PFPC BANK LIMITED
PFPC INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
AXA INSURANCE LIMITED
PROJECT MANAGEMENT HOLDINGS LIMITED
THE THIRD FORESTRY GROWTH PLAN PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
BAUSCH & LOMB IRELAND
THE FOURTH FORESTRY GROWTH PLAN PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
THE CONCENTRATE MANUFACTURING COMPANY OF IRELAND
JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICAL LIMITED

Local Offerings – Foreign

AHP MANUFACTURING B.V.

Purchase of Own Shares

During 2007, the Registrar received 283 notifications to purchase their own shares from the following 235 companies:

!METTLE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
ABBEY CAPITAL LIMITED
ABBEY HEATING AND PLUMBING LIMITED
ABBEY PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
ACISION IPR IRELAND LIMITED
ACTION DRAIN LIMITED
ADAM LEADLEY ARCHITECTS LIMITED
AER LINGUS GROUP PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
AGS ENGINEERING AND FABRICATION LIMITED
AHERNE & SONS (1976) LIMITED
AIREDALE PRINTING COMPANY LIMITED
ALLIED ENVIRONMENTAL DETERGENTS
APPROACH PEOPLE RECRUITMENT LIMITED
AREABLINDS LIMITED
ASKA SYKES LIMITED
ASPEN WORKFLOW LIMITED
AVANT HOLDINGS LIMITED
AVOCA CAPITAL
AVOCA CAPITAL HOLDINGS
BALCREAGH LIMITED
BALLINLOUGH MOTORS LIMITED
BARRA O'TUAMA PROMOTIONS LIMITED
BARTELS CONSULTING ENGINEERS LIMITED
BAXTER COMMUNICATIONS LIMITED
BELASA WEAVERS LIMITED
BELLURGAN PRECISION ENGINEERING LIMITED
BENDUFF PLASTERERS LIMITED
BEWLEY'S LIMITED
BIOCEL LIMITED
BIOSHELL TEORANTA
BRADY & CO. (LAW SEARCHERS) LIMITED
BRENBEN HOLDINGS LIMITED
BUSHRIDGE COMPANY
C. AND S. PLANT LIMITED
CAIRNSBURY LIMITED
CAMIDA HOLDINGS LIMITED
CARADAS CURRENCY BROKERS LIMITED
CARBERY TIMBER LIMITED
CARDOON BUILDERS LIMITED
CARRIG RUA APARTMENTS (112A TO 113D) MANAGEMENT COMPANY LIMITED
CARRIG RUA APARTMENTS (59A TO 60D) MANAGEMENT COMPANY LIMITED

Purchase of Own Shares contd

CASH FLOW SERVICES LIMITED
CASTLE ENGINEERING SERVICES LIMITED
CASTLE WICKLOW HOLDINGS LIMITED
CASTLEBROWN HOMES LIMITED
CASTLEPRIDE LIMITED
CCN CONSTRUCTION LIMITED
CHARLIE SHIELDS LIMITED
CHEMISTRY STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS LIMITED
CITY LIFE LIMITED
CLARE COMMUNITY RADIO HOLDINGS PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
CLIATH TAXIS LIMITED
COACHBURY TAVERNS LIMITED
COLA THERMOPRINT LIMITED
COMMTECH SOLUTIONS LIMITED
CONTECH MEDICAL INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
CORRIB PROPERTIES LIMITED
COUNTY MAYO RADIO LIMITED
COURTNEY LOSS ADJUSTERS LIMITED
CREGANNA LIMITED
D. O'LOUGHLIN & CO. LIMITED
DAHRA LIMITED
DAHRA SERVICES LIMITED
DALY BROS. CARRICKMACROSS LIMITED
DAN-ONE EXCAVATIONS LIMITED
DARTRIDGE COMPANY
DELI CUISINE LIMITED
DES ABBOTT TRAVEL LIMITED
DILLON BROS. (LIMERICK) LIMITED
DMF INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
DNM TECHNOLOGY LIMITED
DOLMEN SECURITIES LIMITED
DONAL O'BUACHALLA & COMPANY LIMITED
DROMALAND LIMITED
E.M.K. DESIGN LIMITED
EAMONN MCCARTHY AND COMPANY LIMITED
EATS OF EDEN LIMITED
ECOCEM MATERIALS LIMITED
ÉIRECOMPOSITES TEORANTA
ELECTRAMED LIMITED
ELECTRO-MECH CONSTRUCTION LIMITED
EM MEASUREMENT SERVICES LIMITED
ESTUARY CONCEPTS LIMITED
EUROEVENTS LIMITED
F.B.D. HOLDINGS PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

Purchase of Own Shares contd

FARANDARE LIMITED
FARMER BUSINESS DEVELOPMENTS ASSETS LIMITED
FARR ENGINEERING LIMITED
FARRELL BROTHERS HOLDINGS LIMITED
FARRELL BROTHERS PLANT HIRE LIMITED
FERMENTON LIMITED
FINBARR GALVIN LIMITED
FINEGROVE HOLDINGS LIMITED
FITZGERALD LIFE AND PENSIONS LIMITED
FORAN CHEMICALS LIMITED
FTI FINANCE HOLDINGS LIMITED
G. CLANCY & CO. (CONTRACTS) LIMITED
G. DUKE & COMPANY LIMITED
GLEESON CONCRETE HOLDINGS
GOFF COMPANY LIMITED
GOLD STAR OILS LIMITED
GOLDEN BAKE LIMITED
GOLDFORD INVESTMENTS LIMITED
GOODBODY COLOUR COATING LIMITED
GOODEY ROOFING LIMITED
GOODWOOD SOLUTIONS LIMITED
GRAFTON GROUP PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
GREYHOUND EXPRESS FREIGHT LIMITED
H & K MANUFACTURING LIMITED
HIGGINS & COMPANY (MANUFACTURERS' AGENTS) LIMITED
HIGH-TECH MACHINERY (SALES) LIMITED
HIGH-TECH MACHINERY LIMITED
HOOPER DOLAN FINANCIAL LIMITED
HSOC FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED
ICOM TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED
ICR FLEET LEASING LIMITED
IMPROCROP LIMITED
INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL ADVISORY TRUST LIMITED
INDEPENDENT NEWS & MEDIA PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROVIDERS LIMITED
INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE HANDLING (SHANNON) LIMITED
IRISH ITEMS LIMITED
IRISH SLATING & TILING CONTRACTORS LIMITED
JAMONI LIMITED
JAVA INSTRUMENT TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED
JIM MURNANE LIMITED
JODI MANUFACTURING COMPANY LIMITED
JOE WALSH FLOORING CONTRACTORS LIMITED
JOHN ATKINS & CO. LIMITED

Purchase of Own Shares contd

JOHN CLARKE (IRISHTOWN) LIMITED
JOHN DOYLE DISTRIBUTORS LIMITED
JOHN LARKIN JOINERY LIMITED
JOHN WARREN LIMITED
JOHNSON STEVENS IRELAND LIMITED
JOLA ENGINEERING LIMITED
JPI PRECISION & GENERAL ENGINEERING LIMITED
KCC ARCHITECTURAL & SECURITY SUPPLIES LIMITED
KELLY COACHBUILDERS LIMITED
KERRY GROUP PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
KILLYBEGS TRAWL NETS LIMITED
KILMORE FISH CO. LIMITED
KIRBY GROUP ENGINEERING LIMITED
KROSSBOW HOLDINGS LIMITED
LABORATORY INSTRUMENTS AND SUPPLIES (I) LIMITED
LAIN PROPERTIES LIMITED
LAWRENCE COVE FERRIES LIMITED
LEEWAY FOODS LIMITED
LOCTITE (IRELAND) HOLDING LIMITED
LOCTITE (OVERSEAS) LIMITED
LOVELL BROTHERS LIMITED
LUCAN MOULD & TOOL LIMITED
M. & I. GALLAGHER (IRELAND) LIMITED
M. J. FLOOD (IRELAND) LIMITED.
M.G. HEALTHCARE LIMITED
M.J.F. (HOLDINGS) LIMITED
MACALLA TEORANTA
MACARA LIMITED
MAJESTIC DESIGN LIMITED
MARTIN KIRWAN LIMITED
MASTER ENGINEERING LIMITED
MAYO MOVIE WORLD LIMITED
MC DONNELL DESCON LIMITED
MCINERNEY HOLDINGS PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
MCM ENGINEERING LIMITED
MENTOR LIGHTING LIMITED
MERCIER PRESS IRELAND LIMITED
MICHAEL MCGETTIGAN DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED
MIDDLEGROUND LIMITED
MMF TRANSPORT SERVICES LIMITED
MONARC LEATHER COMPANY LIMITED
MONASTERBOICE INN LIMITED
MOTOR ASSESS IRELAND LIMITED
MUNSTER STAINLESS STEEL FABRICATORS LIMITED

Purchase of Own Shares contd

NDV LIMITED
NEWBRIDGE TRAVEL AND TOURS LIMITED
NEWMANS HOLDINGS LIMITED
NOONAN GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED
NOVA PUBLISHING COMPANY LIMITED
NUTRISCIENCE LIMITED
O.N.D. LIMITED
OMEGATWO LIMITED
ORCHARD PRINT LIMITED
OSSIAN LIMITED
OSTMAN TRADING LIMITED
OWL WHOLESALE LIMITED
P & M FREEMAN LIMITED
PADDY POWER PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
PATRICK COMAN
PEARL BAKE LIMITED
PHIL REDDIN FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED
PLUSPRINT LIMITED
PREMIER CAPTIONING & REALTIME LIMITED
R. H. PARKER & SON, LIMITED
REAGECON DIAGNOSTICS LIMITED
ROBAN INSURANCES LIMITED
ROBIN FLIGHT LIMITED
ROBT. B. DALY & SON LIMITED
RQB LIMITED
RYANAIR HOLDINGS PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
SACHET WIPES LIMITED
SECURALL FASTENINGS LIMITED
SHENICK NETWORK SYSTEMS LIMITED
SHERIDAN INSURANCES LIMITED
SIAC HOLDINGS LIMITED
SOUTH EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY LIMITED
STAGETEK AUDIO VISUAL LIMITED
STONEHOUSE MARKETING LIMITED
STORSACK HOLDINGS (IRELAND) LIMITED
SWALLOW FLIGHT LIMITED
SWIFT DOOR SYSTEMS LIMITED
SYSTEMLINK LIMITED
TESCO IRELAND HOLDINGS LIMITED
THE HARDWARE PROPERTY COMPANY LIMITED
THE SHELF GONDOLA MOVING COMPANY LIMITED
THOMAS BRIODY AND SON LIMITED
THOMAS GARLAND AND PARTNERS LIMITED
TIGER STOCK LIMITED

Purchase of Own Shares contd

TOMORROW'S WORLD LIMITED
TONY KIERAN LIMITED
TOP FORM LIMITED
TOUGHLINE MANUFACTURING LIMITED
TRANSOCEAN LIMITED
TRIMGATE INVESTMENTS LIMITED
TVC HOLDINGS PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
VAGABOND TOURS LIMITED
VAMONOS LIMITED
VICTOR COMPANY LIMITED
VIDATUM LIMITED
VILICOM HOLDINGS LIMITED
WILLOWDEEN PROPERTY CO. LIMITED
XTENDER TEORANTA
XTRATHERM LIMITED
ZOCALO IMPORTS LIMITED
ZOKIA LIMITED

European Economic Interest Groupings

There were two new EEIGs registered in 2007.

The following is a list of all EEIGs registered:

AMEC HEGARTY JV EEIG

AQUACULTURE, INITIATIVE EEIG, CROFTON HOUSE, CROFTON ROAD, DUN LAOGHAIRE, CO DUBLIN.

CONCORD CONSTRUCTION & PROPERTY CONSULTANTS EEIG, SLANELOUGH, ASHFORD, CO WICKLOW.

DELL COMPUTER EEIG, BOGHALL ROAD, BRAY, CO WICKLOW.

EBAS-AGRO EEIG, CAPUCHIN FRIARY, CHURCH STREET, DUBLIN 7.

ECOM EEIG, PORT ROAD, LETTERKENNY, CO DONEGAL.

ECRIA EUROPEAN ECONOMIC INTEREST GROUPING, 4 SOUTH ANNE STREET, DUBLIN 2, IRELAND.

ERNACT. EEIG, LIFFORD, CO. DONEGAL.

GROUP FOR EUROPEAN EDUCATION EEIG, MOUNT KENNETT HOUSE, HENRY STREET, LIMERICK.

HVBS EEIG, CAPUCHIN FRIARY, CHURCH STREET, DUBLIN 7.

PLUSCHEM EEIG, NCC HOUSE, LOWER LEESON STREET, DUBLIN 2.

SEAFOOD DEVELOPMENTS EEIG, BIM HQ. P.O. BOX 12, CROFTON ROAD, DUN LAOGHAIRE, CO. DUBLIN.

STRABANE/LIFFORD DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION EEIG, LIFFORD, CO DONEGAL.

TORUS INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTANCY EUROPEAN ECONOMIC INTEREST GROUPING, 30 LOWER LEESON STREET, DUBLIN 2.

TORUS INTERNATIONAL LEGAL EUROPEAN ECONOMIC INTEREST GROUPING, 30 LOWER LEESON STREET, DUBLIN 2.

VALMARIP EEIG, 29 UPPER MOUNT STREET, DUBLIN 2.

WORLD 3B2 CONSORTIUM EEIG, 7A CARRICKBRENNAN ROAD, MONKSTOWN, CO DUBLIN..

DIAMONDDIAL EEIG, 7TH FLOOR, HUME HOUSE, BALLSBRIDGE, DUBLIN 4.

CARRIGRENNAN CIVIL JV EEIG, C/O P.J. HEGARTY & SONS, CONNOLLY QUAY, CORK.

PYRAMOS EEIG, 11 WOODBINE PARK, BLACKROCK, CO. DUBLIN.

Limited Partnerships

Limited Partnerships registered during 2007: 82

Total registered at period end: 738

The following Limited Partnerships were registered in the year to 31 December 2007:

Acadian Property Limited Partnership No.1
ACIM Limited Partnership
AIB Seed Capital Fund Limited Partnership
Bank of Ireland Kernel Capital Partners Private Equity Fund II
Blackthorn Limited Partnership
Brasov Limited Partnership
Brighton Investments Limited Partnership
Cammock River Property Partnership
CapVest Irish Partners II, Limited Partnership
CCL: 4 Limited Partnership
CCL: Corinthia Limited Partnership
CCL: Corinthia SP Limited Partnership
CCL: Macau Legend Limited Partnership
CCL: Macau Legend No. 2 Limited Partnership
CCL: Macau Legend SP Limited Partnership
CCL: Veda Advantage Limited Partnership
CCL: Veda Advantage SP Limited Partnership
CCL:5 Limited Partnership
CCL:Blade SP Limited Partnership
Co - Investment Limited partnership Number 2001 A4
Cruachan Investments
Dealta Equity Fund III Limited Partnership
Elm Private Partnership
Elm Private Partnership 11
Elm Private Partnership 111
Elm Private Partnership IV
European Hotel Investments (No.1) Limited Partnership
European Hotel Investments (No.2) Limited Partnership
European Hotel Investments (No.3) Limited Partnership
European Hotel Investments (No.4) Limited Partnership
European Hotel Investments (No.5) Limited Partnership
European Hotel Investments (No.6) Limited Partnership
European Hotel Investments (No.7) Limited Partnership
European Hotel Investments (No8) Limited Partnership
FinVest Limited Partnership
Fountain Healthcare Partners Fund I, L.P.
Gorthleahy Limited Partnership
Iberian Retail Development No.1 Limited Partnership
Imperial Tobacco Finance (Ireland)

Limited Partnerships registered 2007 contd

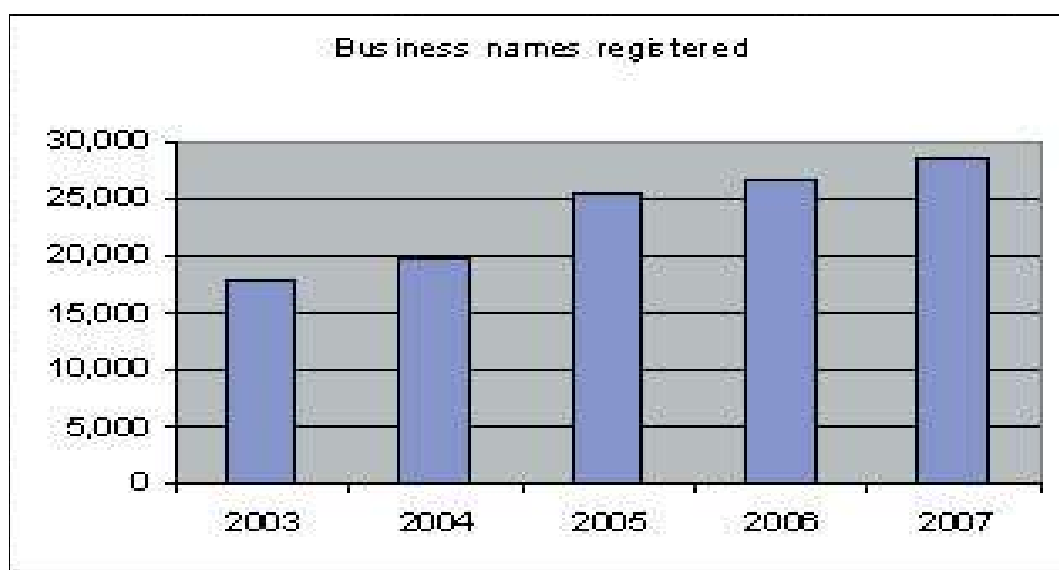
Ion Private Equity Fund 1 Limited Partnership
Johnnos Partnership
KBMGA
Kennedy McMahon Limited Partnership
Kinsale Bookshop Limited Partnership
KKR Debt Investors I (Ireland) L.P.
KSL Partnership
Lambda Limited Partnership
Lynch Amerland Limited Partnership
Malahide Limited Partnership
McHenry United Partnership
Northburn Limited Partnership 3
Orchid Trading
Otterholt Partnership
Pierse Printers Limited
Poland Residential Land and Development Fund Limited Partnership
Sabre Ireland Limited Partnership
Sig Cap First US Limited Partnership
Sorrento 2007 Investment
Szymanska & Golen Limited Partnership
The Barnhill Limited Partnership
The Callan Elliott Limited Partnership
The Chesser Whelan Williamsburg I Limited Partnership
The Chesser Whelan Williamsburg II Limited Partnership
The Convala Development Limited Partnership
The Fairlawn Limited Partnership
The Fallon Limited Partnership
The Farmville Limited Partnership
The Glaoine Limited Partnership
The Hazel Elliott Limited Partnership
The Kildare Aviation Limited Partnership
The Malahide Road Limited Partnership
The McEvoy Limited Partnership
The McFerran Limited Partnership
The Monroe Limited Partnership
The Murrisk LP
The Plaza Irish Limited Partnership
The Pontoon LP
The Seabreeze Ireland Limited Partnership
The Stuart Limited Partnership
The Thornhill Limited Partnership
The Vestrust Partnership
Wedding Cameras Online

Registration of Business Names Act 1963

Make up of Register and Activity on the Register

Changes in the register	2006	2007
New registrations	26,610	28,365
Statement of changes in the registered particulars	2,292	2,193
Cessations	1,388	1,608
Total on register at year end	281,534	308,291

The trend of recent years continues, with the CRO receiving a large number of applications to register business names. The chart below shows the number of new business names registered since 2003.



Directors

Disqualifications and restrictions of directors and other persons

Disqualifications - Section 160 Companies Act 1990 (as amended by section 42 Company Law Enforcement Act 2001)

By year end 2,111 persons were on the register of disqualified persons.

Restrictions under section 150 of the Companies Act 1990

830 persons were on the restricted persons register at the end of 2007.

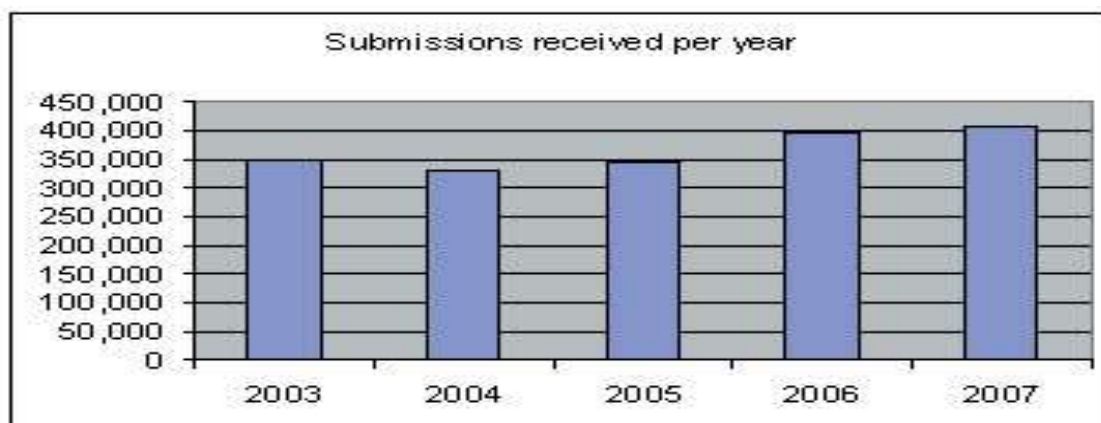
The disqualified and restricted registers can be searched online at www.cro.ie. This facility is updated daily.

Document Processing

Submissions Filed During The Year

Submission Type	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
New Company	13,165	15,074	16,773	18,102	19,298	18,897
Annual Return	113,046	149,910	145,203	154,545	163,851	172,805
Change of Name	2,160	2,078	2,130	2,073	2,102	2,687
Change of Address	11,265	14,533	13,870	14,240	15,730	17,704
Change in Directors	46,802	52,040	56,065	59,912	63,963	68,142
Nomination of change of Annual Return Date	11,961	14,763	11,096	9,624	9,719	10,193
Receivers Abstract	396	1,177	583	615	528	377
Notice of Receiver ceasing to act	40	64	40	53	33	31
Special Resolution to wind up and appoint a Liquidator	772	926	804	836	884	997
Special resolution to Wind up	90	141	116	96	129	143
Special resolution to appoint a liquidator	4	21	11	5	7	18
Liquidator's Statement of Account	1,029	1,259	1,239	1,163	965	1,062
Liquidator's Account	1,769	3,059	2,668	1,160	1,134	1,183
Liquidator's Affidavit	2,858	5,103	4,121	1,886	1,897	1,684
Ineffective declaration of Solvency	13	12	8	2	1	2
Final Winding up meeting - Members & Creditors	463	463	326	358	222	215
Final Winding up meeting – Members	577	823	927	815	740	817
Declaration of Solvency	750	952	825	868	931	1057
Creditors' resolution to appoint/confirm liquidator	127	108	72	73	35	11
Court Order to wind up and appoint Liquidator	36	33	39	53	33	36
Court Order to appoint provisional Liquidator	2	10	7	8	2	5
Ordinary resolution to Wind up & appoint liquidator	101	157	158	126	145	202
Notice that no creditors Resolution was passed	227	154	101	123	64	32
Notice of Appointment of a liquidator	1,100	1,356	1,140	1,147	1,219	1,332
Notice of application to appoint an examiner	12	12	6	6	9	22
Court order appointing examiner	12	11	6	4	4	23
Restriction of Company Secretary/Director - S 150	25	164	185	145	138	181
Disqualification of Director - S 160	0	1	9	*17	*29	*37
Charge	7,132	8,384	9,616	10,464	12,539	12,715
Satisfaction of charge	3,181	4,221	4,425	2,999	3,504	4,467
Resignation of Auditor	2,619	2,477	2,672	2,727	3,179	2,735
Report that proper books not kept	8	19	23	37	22	33
Removal of Auditor	97	88	91	94	163	119
Power of Attorney	1,047	1,307	1,366	676	4	0
Notice of location of register of Members	334	1,044	674	564	679	576
Notice of increase in Nominal Capital	8,279	8,992	1,602	1,357	1,268	1,324
Change to Single Member Company	1,449	1,592	1,770	1,730	1,671	1,983
Change from Single Member Company	312	280	422	506	594	693
Application by plc to commence business	104	100	107	177	243	71
Amended memorandum and Articles	1,133	1,009	355	443	260	293
Alteration to Memo & Arts	7,544	6,213	4,608	5,099	6,339	6,813
Allotment of Shares	5,512	5,327	5,512	5,807	6,363	6,337
Accounts filed Separately	1,473	877	250	174	142	72
Other Submissions	19,209	18,688	14,114	16,303	37,224	32,803
Total Submissions; Companies Acts	268,235	325,022	306,135	317,212	357,979	370,781
Business Names	20,598	23,237	25,524	30,020	36,876	35,438
Total	288,833	348,259	331,659	347,232	394,855	406,219

*The above numbers refer only to those which were linked to company files.



Unregistered submissions

	Dec 2002	Dec 2003	Dec 2004	Dec 2005	Dec 2006	Dec 2007
All Companies	577,797	679,164	639,532	638,264	737,113	848,611
Live Companies Only	382,194	453,783	396,883	376,022	457,398	545,889

APPENDIX 2

FINANCE

Fees and Capital Duty Paid in Respect of Registered Companies in 2007

	2006 €	2007 €
Fees on registrations other than mortgages and charges	29,964,003	28,425,160
Fees on registrations of mortgages or charges	600,062	609,166
Fees on inspections/ miscellaneous sales	1,491,137	1,045,531.84
Total fees	32,055,202	30,079,858

Fees collected in 2007 include an amount of €17,958,651 in respect of late filing penalties.

Fees Paid in Respect of the Registration of Business Names

in 2003	€ 637,722
in 2004	€ 702,906
in 2005	€ 785,783
in 2006	€ 895,125
in 2007	€ 870,735

APPENDIX 3

REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES AND OTHER AUTHORISED PERSONS

Registrar of Companies	Mr. Paul Farrell
Assistant Registrar	Ms. Theresa Fitzpatrick
Assistant Registrar	Mr. Gerry Doyle
Assistant Registrar	Mr. Brian O'Hare
Legal Adviser	Ms. Nora Rice

Persons Authorised

The following persons were authorised as at 31st December 2007 pursuant to section 52(2) of the Companies (Amendment)(No.2) Act 1999, section 16 of the Registration of Business Names Act 1963 and section 15 of the Limited Partnerships Act 1907:

Ms. A. McCarron	Ms. T. Campbell
Mr. B. Collins	Ms. J. Callery
Mr. J. Steele	Mr. P. Porter
Mr. R. McLean	Ms. C. Hickey
Mr. P. Foran	Ms. M. Leech
Ms. E. Kelly	Mr. G. Flood
Ms. B. Wynne	Ms. M. Tighe
Ms. H. Ryan	Ms. M. Shortall
Ms. M. Giblin	Mr. C. Donegan
Ms. L. O'Sullivan	Mr. W. Flynn
Mr. A. Dolan	Mr. P. Daly
Ms. C. Madigan	Ms. C. Pyke

