



Press Release

“Smart Economy critical to sustain growth” - Coughlan

25 Jobs created in Carlow by local employer

Carlow, February 26th – UPC, new parent company of Chorus ntl announced today a €3 million infrastructural overhaul in Carlow. The company is employing the services of local operator Integrated Communications Limited (ICL) who is creating 25 jobs as a result of this investment.

UPC’s infrastructural investment programme is enabling true platform competition, delivering some of the fastest broadband speeds in Ireland and passing on savings to consumers and businesses in Carlow. The company is being supported through ICL’s local knowledge, technical expertise and additional resources to support the infrastructural build in Carlow and expansion programme throughout Ireland. This partnership has created an opportunity for ICL to create 25 jobs which range from Cable Technicians, Civil Engineers, and Project Planners amongst other job roles.

Speaking at the launch today, the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment said:

“There are many new and evolving challenges for both the telecoms industry and the economy as a whole. However, we need to continue to develop infrastructure that allows our businesses and our economy to thrive in a globalised world and attract world-leading companies such as **Unum and Merck Sharpe & Dohme and many others** to invest here. Furthermore, we need to roll out enabling technologies and skills to those in our education sector, to ensure the long-term future of the knowledge base our economy has been built on.

"I congratulate ICL and UPC for continuing with its investment programme in Ireland which has introduced Next Generation services and future-proofed its network here in Carlow and throughout the country.

"In addition, partnering with a well known and trusted Irish employer such as ICL has benefited not only Carlow town, it has created employment opportunities. Furthermore, the decision to establish a further 25 new jobs at Carlow and undertake a €3 million infrastructural investment programme is a strong vote of confidence in the facilities and skilled work force in the region. Today's announcement will support the creation of a smart economy and drive competitiveness to stimulate regional economic growth."

About UPC Broadband

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