

COMPANY REGULATORY ANNOUNCEMENT

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Statement re Sale of the Ferry “Bilbao”

Irish Continental Group plc (“ICG”) announces that it has entered into an agreement for the sale of the ferry “Bilbao” (formerly “Pride of Bilbao”) to St Peter Line, Nicosia, Cyprus.

The total consideration for the sale is €37.7 million, payable in instalments over 5.75 years, up to September 2016. (The transaction is in the form of a bareboat /hire purchase agreement under which the vessel is chartered by ICG to St Peter Line and on payment of the final hire payment in September 2016, title passes to the charterers). Delivery is expected to take place in December 2010.

ICG has owned the vessel since November 1993, when the ship was purchased from its Swedish owners, Viking Line. The ship had been chartered by Viking Line to P&O European Ferries (“P&O”), in 1993, for operation on P&O’s routes between Portsmouth in the UK and Spain and France. ICG acquired the benefit of this charter when the vessel was purchased. The charter came to an end in October of 2010 having been extended on a number of occasions. In the current financial year the vessel has generated charter revenue of €3.6 million and operating profit of €1.5 million. The transaction is expected to result in a profit before tax of approximately € 8.0 million in the year ended 31 December 2010. The proceeds of the sale will be used for ICG’s general corporate purposes as they are received over the period to 30 September 2016.

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