

MSD in Ireland Appoints Ger Brennan Managing Director

22nd August 2016: Leading healthcare company, MSD, has announced the appointment of Ger Brennan as Managing Director of its Human Health business in Ireland. He will also take up the role of Head of MSD's Country Council for Ireland which oversees the development of MSD's presence here.

Ger has a wealth of experience across MSD's global operations, having held various international roles in regional marketing, regional commercial operations and global marketing. He joined MSD in 2010 as Business Unit Director and took on his first global role in Switzerland in 2013 as the Immunology regional Marketing Lead for Mid-Europe. His background is in nursing, having qualified at St. Vincent's Centre, Daughters of Charity in Limerick, specialising in Intellectual Disability.

Commenting on his new role, Ger said, "I return to MSD in Ireland at a very exciting time. Whether it's discovering, developing, manufacturing or marketing medicines, our Irish businesses are critical to the success of MSD at a global level. Our 2,000 strong Irish workforce continues to be at the forefront of our ambition to preserve and improve human life, leading the way in the development of innovative new medicines - such as MSD's new cancer treatment KEYTRUDA (pembrolizumab) which is manufactured in Carlow for patients around the world."

Ger replaces Louise Houson who returns to the UK to take up the role of Managing Director of MSD in the UK. Her knowledge and insights in the Irish market will allow her to play an important role in ensuring MSD's continued successful operations here. Ger will take up this new position on 1st September.

MSD has a strong legacy in Ireland that stretches back over the last 50 years, and in that time, the company has invested over \$2.5 billion in expanding and developing its facilities here, including €300m in R&D in 2014 and 2015. Over 60% of MSD's global top 20 products are now produced in Ireland. The company provides healthcare solutions and innovative medicines for patients in areas such as diabetes, heart disease, immunology, oncology, infectious diseases, women's health and anaesthesiology.

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About MSD

MSD, known as Merck in the United States and Canada, has operations in more than 140 countries. In Ireland, MSD employs approximately 2,000 people across its five locations in Dublin, Carlow, Cork, Tipperary and Wicklow. Its extensive Irish operations encompass manufacturing, commercial and marketing facilities.

MSD is a leader in healthcare, dedicated to helping the world be well through a wide range of innovative health solutions. This includes the development, production and distribution of prescription medicines, vaccines and biologic therapies as well as animal health products.

MSD's commitment to research and to increasing access to healthcare across the world is demonstrated by clearly focused policies, far-reaching programmes and life-enhancing partnerships.