



ENERGY EFFICIENT DEVELOPMENT LAUNCHED IN MONAGHAN

- TO RESULT IN HEATING BILL SAVINGS IN EXCESS OF 20%

Friday, July 1, 2005 – An energy efficient property development was today launched in Carrickroe, Co. Monaghan, built by local developer Aiden McCarron and supported by Sustainable Energy Ireland (SEI).

The Chapel Court development will include twenty-six houses, two apartments and two commercial units and will be completed by Spring 2006. The energy efficient features, which were 50 per cent funded by SEI include oil fired condensing boilers and a new Canadian building system for walls; Quad-Lock Concrete Building Solution*.

A Canadian trade delegation attended the launch of the development to mark the partnership and also the 'Twin-Town' relationship between New Brunswick, Canada and Monaghan.

Support and funding for the energy efficient features of the Chapel Court development has been granted through SEI's House of Tomorrow Programme. The SEI programme aims to stimulate widespread uptake of superior sustainable energy planning, design, specification and construction practices in both the new home building and home improvement markets.

Derek Robertson, House of Tomorrow programme manager, SEI said: "These new properties will result in energy savings for the householders in excess of 20 per cent on their heating bills. It will also significantly reduce related Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) emissions and reliance on imported fossil fuels. The development provides an excellent example of how innovative construction and modern services can enhance quality of life and help reduce potential impacts on the global climate."

Following the launch, Aiden McCarron, Developer commented: "This is an exciting development. We are delighted to be involved in a project that will generate greater energy performance for owners. The energy efficient features in the Chapel Court development exceed standard specifications in insulation and energy savings. Chapel Court offers buyers a choice of houses at Carrickroe, less than ten miles from Monaghan Town. This is a country location, yet with the convenience of nearby towns Monaghan, Armagh and Dungannon.

* Quad-Lock Concrete Building Solutions is an Insulating Concrete Form system that uses expanded polystyrene panels and steel reinforcement.)

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Editors Notes:

Sustainable Energy Ireland, was established on May 1st, 2002, as a statutory authority charged with promoting and assisting the development of a sustainable national energy economy and is funded by the Irish Government under the National Development Plan 2000-2006 with programmes part financed by the European Union.

The House of Tomorrow funding programme offers support for research, development and demonstration projects aimed at generating and applying technologies, products, systems, practices and information for greater sustainable energy performance in Irish housing.

The Canadian delegation included:

- Mike McIntosh, Assistant Deputy Minister, Investment and Exports, Department of Business, New Brunswick.
- Pierrette Battah, Mission Coordinator, Export Department, Department of Business, New Brunswick.
- Barry Kyle, President, Industrial Rubber Co. Ltd.
- Joe Walsh, Industrial Rubber Co.Ltd
- Ed McDermaid, President, KayRob Financial.
- Terry Malley, President, Malley Industries Inc.

Key project partners and suppliers include:

- Main contractors: MCK Civil Engineering Contracts Ltd., Scotstown, Co. Monaghan.
- Insulating materials: Kingspan Ltd.
- Quad-Lock Concrete Building Solutions: Quad-Lock, British Columbia, Canada.
- Windows and doors: Munster Joinery Ltd.
- Guttering and soffits: McCaffrey Seamless Guttering, Monaghan.
- External plastering: Master Plaster NI Ltd., Derrynoose, County Armagh.
- Kitchen units: Blackwater Design of Emyvale.
- Electrical work: Owen McGuinness, Ballybay.
- Plumbing: Kevin Deery of Newbliss.