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**Údarás Forfheidhmithe Corparáideach**  
**Corporate Enforcement Authority**

## **Press Statement**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **WOMAN ARRESTED AND CHARGED BY CEA OFFICERS FOR COMPANY LAW AND THEFT OFFENCES**

Arising from an investigation by the Corporate Enforcement Authority (“CEA”), a woman appeared today before Galway District Court in relation to company law and theft offences.

Ms Emer Murphy (58, Kyledrown, Kylebrack, Loughrea, Co Galway) faces 8 charges: six charges of fraudulently removing property of a company within 12 months preceding winding up or a time thereafter<sup>1</sup>, and two charges of theft<sup>2</sup>.

The charges relate to a CEA investigation into the affairs of Emeracly Limited, a property management company based in the west of Ireland.

Detective Garda Michael Kilfeather, an officer of the CEA, gave evidence of arrest, charge, and caution.

Ms Murphy was remanded on bail to Galway District Court on 21 November 2022.

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**CORPORATE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY**

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<sup>1</sup> Contrary to s. 717(b) Companies Act 2014.

<sup>2</sup> Contrary to s. 4 Criminal Justice (Theft and Fraud Offences) Act 2001.

## Note to Editors

- The Corporate Enforcement Authority (“CEA”) is an independent statutory agency tasked with promoting compliance with, and enforcing, company law, and the exercise of certain supervisory functions in relation to liquidators and receivers. The legislation underpinning the establishment of the CEA is the [Companies \(Corporate Enforcement Authority\) Act 2021](#) (“CEA Act”), which amended the Companies Act 2014.
- Commencement Orders providing for the commencement of the CEA Act and the establishment of the CEA were signed by An Tánaiste, Dr. Leo Varadkar, T.D., on 5 and 6 July 2022, respectively.
- The CEA is staffed by, amongst others, a multi-disciplinary team of legal, accounting, and digital forensics professionals, together with seconded members of An Garda Síochána. All staff of the CEA, including seconded members of An Garda Síochána, may be referred to as CEA Officers.