



Údarás Forfheidhmithe Corparáideach
Corporate Enforcement Authority

Press Statement

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WOMAN ARRESTED AND CHARGED BY CEA OFFICERS FOR SERIOUS OFFENCES

Arising from an investigation by the Corporate Enforcement Authority (“CEA”), a woman appeared today before Dublin District Court 1 in the Criminal Courts of Justice (CCJ) in relation to serious company law offences.

The accused faces four charges: one charge of fraudulent trading¹; one charge of breaching obligations to keep adequate accounting records²; one charge of deception³; and one charge of furnishing a false/misleading document⁴.

The charges follow a multi-jurisdictional investigation by the CEA into serious allegations of corporate fraud involving a Dublin based company.

Detective Sergeant William Kavanagh, an officer of the CEA, told the Court that the Director of Public Prosecutions has directed that the accused be sent forward to Dublin Circuit Court for trial on indictment.

The accused was remanded on bail to 12 September 2022 by Judge Joanne Carroll for service of the book of evidence.

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¹ Contrary to s. 722 Companies Act 2014.

² Contrary to s. 281 Companies Act 2014.

³ Contrary to s. 6 Criminal Justice (Theft and Fraud Offences) Act 2001.

⁴ Contrary to s. 241(1) Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005.

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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.