



Údarás Forfheidhmithe Corparáideach
Corporate Enforcement Authority

Press Statement

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO COMPANY LAW OFFENCE

Arising from an investigation by the Corporate Enforcement Authority (“CEA”), Mr. Robert Browne (53), with an address at Treanlawn, Killoe, Co. Longford, was arraigned before Dublin Circuit Criminal Court today.

Mr. Browne entered a plea of guilty to 1 count of Providing False Information contrary to s. 876 of the Companies Act 2014.

The charge follows an investigation by the CEA in relation to the unauthorised and unlawful use of an Auditor Registration Number in the submission of annual returns to the Companies Registration Office.

Mr. Browne was remanded on continuing bail by Judge Martin Nolan to 19th December 2022 at the Dublin Circuit Criminal Court for sentence and the preparation of victim impact statements.

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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.