

AIRTRICITY SUPPLIES FIRST COMMERCIAL GAS CUSTOMER

Airtricity has today announced that it is supplying its first gas customer in Ireland in the commercial sector – The Mater Private Hospital.

The company, which announced its entry to the Irish gas market in July of this year, will distribute gas to both commercial and domestic customers. Airtricity is initially targeting industrial and commercial gas customers and will enter the domestic gas market in 2010.

Airtricity also announced earlier this year that it intends to become Ireland's largest independent energy supplier by securing 15% share of the Irish energy market, some 500,000 customers, by 2013.

Kevin Greenhorn, Managing Director, Airtricity Supply said:

“Airtricity Supply reached a major milestone as we are now supplying our first gas customer and we are continuing to expand our gas customer base by offering highly competitive rates. We are almost a year into our five year strategy to become Ireland’s largest independent energy supplier while ensuring we maintain our renewable credentials. The next step for the company is to grow into the dual-fuel supply market and expand in the domestic sector”.

Airtricity Supply sources its gas from its parent company SSE (Scottish & Southern Energy plc), who in February 2008 acquired Airtricity for an equity value of approximately €1.1 billion. Airtricity Supply also has plans to expand its product range into metering, telecoms and other energy services by 2013.

About Airtricity

Airtricity Supply currently supplies renewable energy to over 42,000 customers in Ireland, with ambitious growth targets over the next 5 years. There are currently 9,000 business customers in Northern Ireland and over 33,000 customers in Republic of Ireland, both residential and commercial customers. Airtricity Supply is No.1 for renewable energy. Currently, supplying customers with 79% renewable energy, compared to only 9% being supplied currently by ESB. Airtricity was acquired by SSE (Scottish and Southern Energy plc) in February 2008. The acquisition gave SSE the market entry it was seeking to supply energy to customers in Ireland.