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ICON Announces Appointment of Mr. Ronan Murphy to Board of Directors

DUBLIN--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- [ICON plc](#), (NASDAQ:ICLR) global provider of drug development solutions and services to the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries, today announced the appointment of Mr. Ronan Murphy as a non-executive director.

Mr. Murphy is the former Senior Partner of PwC, Ireland's largest professional services firm with almost 100 partners and employing over 2,000 people. Mr. Murphy was elected Senior Partner in 2007 and was re-elected for a further four year term in 2011. Following completion of the maximum two terms, Mr. Murphy retired from the firm in June 2015. Mr. Murphy was also a member of the PwC EMEA Leadership Board for a five year period from 2010 to 2015.

Mr. Murphy joined PwC in 1980 and was admitted to the Partnership in 1992. As an Assurance Partner, he served clients across many sectors. In 1995, Mr. Murphy joined the firm's leadership team and held a number of operational leadership roles, prior to being appointed as Partner in Charge of the firm's Assurance Practice in 2003, a position he held for four years prior to his appointment as Senior Partner.

In early 2016, Mr. Murphy was appointed as a non-executive director of Davy Stockbrokers, and he chairs their Audit Committee. He is also a Director of Liberty Insurance's operations in Ireland and also chairs the Audit Committee.

Mr. Murphy currently serves as a Board Member of the UCD Michael Smurfit Business School and is a founding Board Member of the British Irish Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Murphy completed a Bachelor of Commerce and Masters in Business Studies at University College Dublin before qualifying as a chartered accountant in 1982.

"I am very pleased that Mr. Murphy has joined the board" commented Mr. Declan McKeon, acting Chairman of the Board. "His leadership of PwC, Ireland's largest professional services firm, and his extensive business experience and expertise across many industry sectors will bring invaluable expertise to the ICON board".

About ICON plc

ICON plc is a global provider of drug development solutions and [services](#) to the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries. The company specialises in the strategic development, management and analysis of programs that support clinical development - from compound selection to Phase I-IV clinical studies. With headquarters in Dublin, Ireland, ICON currently, operates from 88 locations in 37 countries and has approximately 12,600 employees.

Further information is available at www.iconplc.com.

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