

Merrion Pharmaceuticals Appoints Paddy O’Sullivan to Board of Directors

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Merrion Pharmaceuticals plc (MERR:IEX) today announced that Paddy O’Sullivan has joined Merrion’s Board of Directors. Mr O’Sullivan is currently chairman of the Board of trustees of the Beacon Hospital. Before retiring in 2006 he had spent 30 years as CEO of LEO Pharma Group of companies in Ireland. He was also a Board Member of the parent company of the Leo Pharma Group in Denmark.

Commenting on the appointment John Lynch, CEO, Merrion Pharmaceuticals said “We welcome Paddy O’Sullivan to the Merrion board and we look forward to benefiting from his vast experience in this sector in the coming years. He brings to the board a wealth of industry knowledge and a long track record of success. His skills and experience are a vital asset in the further development of Merrion and in achieving the significant goals we’ve set for this company”.

Mr O’Sullivan served for over 20 years as the Chairman of the Pharma Industry team, which negotiated supply of research based pharmaceuticals on behalf of the pharmaceutical industry (IPHA) with the Irish Health Services on behalf of the Irish Pharmaceutical Healthcare Association Ltd. He has also served on the Boards of LEO Pharmaceuticals Ltd. UK and LEO Pharma S.A. France.

A registered pharmacist and UCD commerce and MBA graduate, Mr O’Sullivan is also a fellow of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland. In 2000 he was bestowed with Her Majesty The Queen of Denmark’s decoration of Knight of the Order of the Dannebrog for his contribution to Danish – Irish relations.

A summary of Paddy O’Sullivan’s current as well as past 5 years directorship and partnership is as per attachment.

Previous Directorships for the past five years

Position	Full Company Name	Country of Incorporation	If listed, exchange that it is listed on	Principal Activity
Director	Leo Fondet	Denmark		Pharmaceuticals
Director	Lovens Kemiske Fabrik Produktionsaktieselskab	Denmark		Pharmaceuticals
Managing Director	Leo Laboratories Ltd	Ireland		Pharmaceuticals
Director	Wexford Ltd	Ireland		Pharmaceuticals
Director	Leo Pharmaceutical Products Ltd	Ireland		Pharmaceuticals
Director	Laboratories Leo SA	France		Pharmaceuticals
Director	Leo Pharmaceuticals Ltd	UK		Pharmaceuticals
Director	Edwin Burgess Ltd	UK		Pharmaceuticals
Director	Leo Pharmaceutical Products Ltd	UK		Pharmaceuticals

No additional disclosures are relevant to the appointment of Mr Paddy O’Sullivan under paragraph G of Schedule Two of the IEX Rules.

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