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Humphrey Percy appointed to Board of WHIreland

WHIreland Group plc, the AIM-listed financial services company, has announced that Humphrey Percy, Group CEO of Kuwaiti European Holding Group (“KEH”) is to join the board as a non-executive director of the company. He will take up his role on 1st December 2016.

Humphrey’s appointment follows the acquisition of a 23.1% stake by KEH in WHIreland in September 2016. Beyond his role as Group CEO of KEH Humphrey has extensive financial services expertise, having previously founded Bank of London and The Middle East plc and been Chief Executive Officer of BLME Holdings since August 2006. He has over 30 years of international banking experience and has worked at numerous institutions including J. Henry Schroder Wagg, Barclays Merchant Bank (later Barclays de Zoete Wedd/BZW) and West LB.

Humphrey Percy, Group CEO at KEH said: “WHIreland has undergone significant change over the last twelve months and the business has a very clear strategy for the next stage of its development. As a significant shareholder KEH is wholly supportive of this plan.

“An important component of KEH’s strategy is to build out a financial services division that can develop a true bridge between investors in Kuwait and elsewhere in the Middle East, and financial markets in Europe, particularly in London. As the CEO of KEH I am looking forward to working with the board of WHIreland to help implement this vision for the mutual benefit of both companies.”

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About KEH

Kuwaiti European Holding Group (“KEH”) is a holding company for a group of businesses focussed on the financial services, leisure and healthcare sectors. Established in 2008 and headquartered in the UK, KEH is owned by a Kuwaiti business family. The company’s investments are concentrated in the UK and Kuwait with strategic opportunities considered across the wider Middle East and Europe.

The company intends to be a bridge connecting these two regions, initially between Kuwait and the UK and in the financial services sector. KEH selectively targets investment opportunities based on market trends and the ability to deliver strong returns to shareholders, whilst also enhancing the communities within which investments are located.

Further information on KEH is available at www.keh-grp.com



About WHIreland Group plc

WHI is a financial services company offering private wealth management and corporate broking services. Since 2000, the company has been listed on the London Stock Exchange on AIM. The Group has two divisions:

Corporate Broking: providing corporate finance, research, market making and fund raising capabilities to quoted small/mid-cap companies, including a full Nominated Adviser (“NOMAD”) service to the majority of its corporate clients. WHI is ranked 3rd largest NOMAD and corporate broker, by number, of AIM clients.

Private Clients: providing wealth management and wealth planning services tailored to individuals, corporates, trusts and funds. It manages, as at 31 August 2016, c.£2.9bn of assets under management or influence and operates from a network of offices across the United Kingdom and internationally in the Isle of Man.