

## Minister Officially Opens EUR40million Business Park

(Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July) Minister for Trade and Commerce, John McGuinness T.D. opened Kilkenny's newest business district, Danville Business Park today.



Representing an investment of EUR40 million, Danville is the first commercial development to connect to the Metropolitan Area Network (MAN) in Kilkenny. The MAN built by the Department of Communications facilitates first class broadband and telecommunications services.



from left to right - Michael Brannigan, Developer and Kilkenny Business Man and Minister for Trade and Commerce, John McGuinness T.D.

Commenting on the opening of Danville, Minister John McGuinness said 'Danville is a substantial investment in local business infrastructure, the addition of the MAN will enhance connectivity which is fundamental to the competitiveness and growth of regions and a precursor for balanced regional development. Danville will succeed in attracting new and dynamic businesses working in the knowledge economy, which in turn will attract a high calibre of businesses and graduates to work and live in Kilkenny'.

Danville Business Park is Kilkenny's newest business district, comprising of 34 self contained office suites totalling 130,000sq ft. With the capacity to house up to 300 jobs, already a number of thriving local businesses have moved to Danville guaranteeing that Danville will become a hub of commercial activity into the future.

Michael Brannigan of Danville Business Park commenting at the opening said 'Despite the pressure on our economy there are still businesses which are experiencing growth and expansion, Danville is

there to meet the growing needs and requirements of these businesses in a business park which offers flexible high-end specifications and an excellent location’.



from left to right – Michael Brannigan, Developer and Kilkenny Business Man; Minister for Trade and Commerce, John McGuinness T.D. and Lord Mayor of Kilkenny, Pat Crotty.

Danville Business Park is based in a well established blue-chip district with national and international players like Glanbia, Banking 365 and State Street already benefiting from the close proximity to Kilkenny and the main arterial routes connecting Kilkenny to the rest of Ireland and Europe.

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