



**NOTES**

- Under the EU “Community Guidelines on State Aid to promote Risk Capital Investments in Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises” {OJ C 194, 18.08.2006}, Member States are required to collect data on a beneficiary company’s stage of development. These Guidelines contain definitions of “seed capital”, “start-up capital” and “expansion capital” as follows:

“Seed capital” means financing provided to study, assess and develop an initial concept, preceding the start-up phase;

“Start-up capital” means financing provided to companies, which have not sold their product or service commercially and are not yet generating a profit, for product development and initial marketing;

“Expansion capital” means financing provided for the growth and expansion of a company, which may or may not break even or trade profitably, for the purposes of increasing production capacity, market or product development or the provision of additional working capital.

- The definitions of micro, small or medium-sized enterprises currently in force (i.e. with effect from 1st January 2005) may be seen at Annex 1 to Commission Regulation (EC) no. 364/2004 of 25 February 2004, {OJ L 63 of 28th February 2004} and may be summarised as follows:
  - A medium-sized enterprise has less than 250 employees and has an annual turnover not exceeding €50 million or an annual balance sheet total not exceeding €43 million;
  - A small enterprise has less than 50 employees and has an annual turnover and/or annual balance sheet total not exceeding €10 million;
  - A micro enterprise has less than 10 employees and has an annual turnover and/or annual balance sheet total not exceeding €2 million.

Under EU State-Aid rules, medium-sized enterprises operating in the non-assisted areas are restricted to their seed/start-up stage for the purpose of raising BES investments. The “Regional Aid Map 2007-2013 - Ireland” details the non-assisted areas of Ireland as counties Dublin, Kildare, Meath and Wicklow (and with effect from 2009, Cork city and county (except for Cork Docklands)). {Guidelines on National Regional Aid for 2007-2013, OJ C54, 4.3.2006}

Please state the company's stage of development -  
**See NOTES**

<i>Please tick <b>one</b> of the following</i>	
Seed Capital Stage?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Start-up Capital Stage?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Expansion Capital Stage?	<input type="checkbox"/>

State whether the company is a micro, small or medium sized enterprise within the meaning of the Commission Regulation (EC) currently in force -  
**See NOTES**

<i>Please tick <b>one</b> of the following</i>	
Micro?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Small?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Medium?	<input type="checkbox"/>

**State name of certifying agency**

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**This form should also be accompanied by a certificate from the certifying agency together with a Form RINE-I for each individual investor**

**I enclose certificate received from**

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I declare that to the best of the company’s knowledge and belief the information given in this form is correct and in particular that:

- The company is an unquoted company resident in Ireland or is resident in the European Economic Area with an establishment in the State carrying out qualifying activities
- The company is regarded as a micro, small or medium-sized enterprise within the European Commission definition for the relevant period
- The company is not regarded as a firm in difficulty for the purposes of the Community Guidelines on State Aid for rescuing and restructuring firms in difficulty
- The company has commenced carrying on a qualifying trade on a commercial basis for profit
- The investment in respect of which relief is sought is being used for qualifying purposes
- The company has no subsidiaries other than qualifying subsidiaries which satisfy the conditions of Section 507 of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997
- All the share capital of the company is fully paid up
- The company is not and has not been controlled by, or a subsidiary of, any other company
- The company is not involved in any partnership arrangement by means of which an investor in the company is connected with the company as defined in Section 493 (1) or 493(2) (a) of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997.

**Signature of Company Secretary**

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**Date**

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