

Section 3 – Membership of the Applicant

(a) Members of the Applicant and Background experience.

Wilton Radio Ltd is a consortium formed in June 2006 to specifically apply for new broadcasting licenses identified by the Broadcasting Commission of Ireland in their commercial radio licensing programme.

Wilton Radio Ltd has applied for and won the licenses to operate the youth franchises in the North West and Midlands and North East Regions and as a result has become Irelands latest radio group.

We are convinced that the Multi City license must be serviced by a “big” radio station. Big successful radio stations needs a strong group and also requires big personalities. We are confident that the only commercially viable solution to the multi city license is to create a national sounding service.

Our group has the financial, creative and managerial resources to operate this radio station successfully both in audience and commercially. We believe it is imperative to introduce an additional shareholder to the multi city license who would epitomise the station that we want to deliver. From yowza yowza to The Arts Show and everything in between, coupled with an extremely successful business career, Mike Murphy was the obvious and only choice.

The following members make up the applicant group, Far Away Radio Land Ltd:

Wilton Radio Ltd	98%
Mike Murphy	2%

Mike Murphy

Mike Murphy is known as one of Ireland’s most successful broadcasters. Four times winner of Jacobs Awards he presented such radio and TV shows as Live Mike, Morning Call, Murphy’s America, Murphy’s Australia, The Arts Show and many more. In 1996 ,along with developer Pat Doherty he founded the property company Harcourt Developments which has become one of Irelands largest and most successful privately -owned businesses.

Formerly a Director of IMMA the Irish Museum of Modern Art and Business 2Arts, Mike Murphy continues to make a considerable contribution to art and culture and in fact, Harcourt regularly wins awards for its commitment to Irish Art and Artists.

Recently he has been appointed by the Bahamian Government to a Select Economic and Tourism Task Force to address the future of the island of Grand Bahama.

Wilton Radio Ltd is made up of the following individuals and corporate bodies:

Dan Healy

Dan has been involved in media since 1984 when he commenced his career in a local newspaper in Galway City. Since then he has worked in both London and Dublin. In 1996 he joined 98fm in Dublin when he commenced his career in the independent commercial radio sector. He has acted as Chief Executive Officer for 98fm and Newstalk 106, he was also a founder of KCLR 96 which was launched in April 2004 covering the counties of Carlow/Kilkenny. He has served on the boards of Independent Broadcasters of Ireland (IBI) and Independent News Network (INN). He is co founder of the Wilton Radio Group who have recently been awarded the licenses to broadcast to 15-34 year olds in the North West and the North East regions of Ireland.



Deborah Fagan

Deborah is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants and has worked in media since 1996. She was the Financial Controller of Communicorp Group Ltd's radio interests in the Czech Republic. Upon her return to Dublin in 1998 she became Chief Financial Officer with the Group. During her time at Communicorp, she was instrumental in the expansion of the Group's radio and media interests in Ireland and Eastern Europe. She was a founder of KCLR 96 which was launched in April 2004 and covers the counties of Carlow/Kilkenny. Deborah has co-founded the Wilton Radio Group with Dan Healy.

Boundary Radio Ltd

Boundary Radio Ltd is a consortium of Boundary Capital principals which was formed specifically to participate and help create a viable alternative to the larger radio groups operating in Ireland. Their goal is to back experienced operators who have a vision to build a strong and alternative indigenous operator based on delivering diversity of content whilst at the same time valuing the finite national resource that is the FM band. Boundary Capital is an asset and project management group established in 2002. Boundary's focus is on property and corporate transactions operating primarily as a principal. The group has closed transactions in excess of €2.5bn in the areas of retail, property, business services, educational materials and leisure sectors. They play an active role in the development of their investments.

The company's registered number is 422119 with a registered address at 128 Lower Baggot St. Dublin 2.

Cormac McAlinden

Cormac is the founder of a number of well known printing businesses including Lithographic Universal and Mac Publishing in Bray. As owner and Chief Executive he has grown his businesses organically and became Ireland's biggest Independent Printing Company in the 1980's. His companies were the largest exporter of printed products between 1982-1994. In 2003 Cormac merged the Lithographic Universal business with the Smurfit Group's Irish printing business to create Lithographic Web press of which he controls 50% of the equity share capital.

Jim Conway

Jim founded the Print and Display group of companies in 1970. From its inception Jim has driven the business to the position where it has now become one of the European market leaders in the Screen, Digital and Litho production of outdoor posters, bus advertising and point of purchase materials. The Print and Display group of companies include Print & Display P&D Digital, Sattal, P&D Polska and Feature.

Gaby Smyth

Gaby has worked as a professional musician over many years, working as a musical director, session musician, composer and performer. He is a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, and is principal of Gaby Smyth & Company, Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditor. The firm has been in practice for almost fifteen years, specialising in the music, film and theatre arts.

Philip Lee

Philip is the founding partner of the international law firm of Philip Lee Solicitors. He has represented the Independent Broadcasters of Ireland (IBI) before the Oireachtas committee on the recent Broadcasting Act and has advised many media companies on the regulatory aspects of media ownership and media law. Philip represents and advises a large variety of Irish media and music individuals and groups including Abhan Productions (Riverdance) and U2.

Richard Nesbitt

Richard is a member of the Irish Bar. He was called to the inner bar in Michelmas Term in 1993. He is also a member of the English and Northern Irish Bars. He practices as a Senior Counsel in the fields of Commercial Litigation, Banking, Intellectual Property Law, European Law and Taxation. He is Chairman of the Legal Committee of the Representative Church Body of Ireland. As a lawyer Richard has represented a wide range of media clients and has an active interest in the Arts. He is an avid radio listener. Richard is a Governor of the Rotunda Hospital, Chairman of Arnotts Holdings Limited which owns Arnotts, the largest full line department store in Ireland. He is Chairman of Retail Ireland, the IBEC committee that brings together the interests of the principal retailers in the State representing an employment base of approximately 220,000 people.

Paul Cummins

Paul established Telegael as a joint venture with RTÉ and Údarás in 1989. He has been a shareholder and the Group's Chief Executive Officer since its inception. Initially employing 3 people, under Paul's leadership Telegael has grown to become one of Ireland's leading audiovisual groups involved in television and film production, animation production, television production and post production facilities, television news-gathering services, subtitling and programme re-versioning services. A seven time EMMY nominee Paul was presented with 2 EMMY Awards the first in 2004 and most recently in June 2007 as Executive Producer of the children's animation series TUTENSTEIN. Paul is Executive Producer of the Teenage Drama Series "Aifric" which was awarded funding of €2.3m. by the Sound & Vision Broadcasting Fund of the BCI in 2006 and 2007 and won the IFTA Award for best young peoples programme in 2007.

Fíbin Teoranta

Founded in 2003, Fíbin is a young, new and exciting Irish-language theatre-company based in Connemara, specialising in the provision of high quality drama in Irish for children, young people and the young at heart. By using an innovative combination of drama and puppetry together on the one stage, the end result is a highly visual style of presentation which transcends all language boundaries. Since the company's inception, its innovative approach to theatre for younger audiences has been lauded by critics and awarded official status by the Arts Council of Ireland. In the last year alone it has been nominated for the Irish Times/ESB National Theatre Awards and was winner of a Galway County Council/AIB arts award.

The company's registered number is 378101 with a registered address at Bothar Bui, An Cheathru Rua, Co. na Gaillimhe.

John Mannion

John, a native of Galway has been involved in numerous creative and business ventures targeted at the youth market in Galway City since the early 1990's. He is a renowned businessman through ownership and operation as a successful publican, a prominent director of the Galway Arts Festival, and is a key player in the Galway City Business Association.

Máire Ní Thuathail

Máire Ní Thuathail, a native of Tourmakeady, Co. Mayo is the founder and Managing Director of Eo Teilifís, the leading television production company and media facilities provider based in Spiddal, Co. Galway. Eo Teilifís was established in 1989 and produces a wide range of programming including drama, children's shows and documentaries as well as TG4's flagship soap opera Ros na Rún, which is now in the 11th year of production. The Ros na Rún production complex has become a centre of excellence for television production, a major local employer and a mini campus

echoing the diverse dialects and the many levels of language and production proficiency. Ros na Rún's success in developing new talent across all areas of production reflects Máire's strong commitment to training.

Jonathan Kelly

Jonathan is a solicitor and partner in Philip Lee Solicitors. He has many years of experience in film and television finance and production, in particular having worked for several years as an executive in a leading film and television production company. He was previously a researcher on several current affairs programmes for RTE Television. He served for several years as an executive committee member of Screen Producers Ireland (previously FMI), the representative body for Irish film and television producers. He frequently gives talks and lectures on matters relating to the arts, media and entertainment, lecturing regularly on Fás Screen Training Ireland professional training courses as well as to students on University College Dublin's post graduate Arts Administration course.

(b) Please indicate when the Applicant was formed, its current legal status and financial standing.

Far Away Radio Land Ltd was incorporated in May 2007 with the intention of applying for the Multi City license. The company's registered number is **439623**.

The current legal status of Far Away Radio Land Ltd is that of a limited liability company and a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation is included in the Appendix to this document.

Far Away Radio Land Ltd is owned 98% by Wilton Radio Ltd and 2% by Mike Murphy. Wilton Radio Ltd is a company incorporated with limited liability. Its Company's Registration number is 429958. This company was formed on 13th June 2006 and its Shareholders Agreement allows for equity funding of up to €20m to be used to apply for and launch radio services in the Republic of Ireland.

The shareholders are committed to the funding schedule as set out in Section 9 of this application.

