



MESSAGES RECEIVED ON THE OCCASION OF THE INAUGURAL AGM OF GOLF IRELAND

Taoiseach Micheál Martin said: “I congratulate all those who have been involved in the creation of this new organisation. Golf is a very important and valued part of our sporting world and provides wonderful joy and recreation to so many.”

Martin Slumbers, Chief Executive of The R&A, said: “I am delighted to hear that the transition to a single governing body for golf in Ireland has gone well and remains on schedule. Today’s AGM is an important milestone on this journey.

“The R&A is committed to ensuring that golf is thriving 50 years from now, but to achieve this long-term vision, we need to work collaboratively with national associations around the world. Of course, Golf Ireland has a vital role to play within Ireland, but it also has an important role to play beyond its shores in terms of shaping our sport globally.”

George Lucas, Chair of Sport NI said: “Sport NI wishes to congratulate Golf Ireland on the formation of One Governing Body for Golf on the island of Ireland and wish it every success for its first National AGM on Saturday 27 February.”

John Treacy, Chief Executive of Sport Ireland said: “I would like to congratulate the transition board, staff and membership of Golf Ireland on getting this new, integrated and streamlined governing body up and running.

“2020 was a difficult year for sport across the board with the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic forcing the closure of courses, the cessation of events and the cancellation of competitions.

“It is important to highlight the excellent work of all golf clubs in playing their part and commend the manner in which they adopted and implemented public health guidance in order to keep all members and participants safe throughout the pandemic.”

Clodagh Hopkins, outgoing Chair of the ILGU said: “On behalf of the legacy organisation the ILGU, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the incoming Board Members on their appointments. I know I speak for all our members in wishing you success for the further development of Golf Ireland.

Iggy O’Muircheartaigh, outgoing Chair of the GUI said: “On behalf of the Golfing Union of Ireland, to wish the new Board of Golf Ireland every success in the exciting time ahead for the game of golf in Ireland. I would wish to acknowledge the outstanding contributions of the Transition Board in bringing the One Governing Body project to this stage, and also I would wish to thank our fellow legacy organisation, the ILGU, for their proactive and positive collaboration in establishing Golf Ireland.”