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Press Release

1. Official Opening of the New Coláiste Ailigh School Building

Donegal Education and Training Board are delighted to confirm that today [Monday 12th May 2014] marks the Official Opening of the new Coláiste Ailigh School Building at Knocknamona, Letterkenny. An Taoiseach, Enda Kenny, T.D., will perform the Official Opening and will be the special guest at the Opening Ceremony which begins at 11:00 a.m.

2. Investment Decision

Ruairí Quinn, T.D., Minister for Education and Skills announced on 12th November 2012 that eight schools were being constructed in 7 different counties under a single Public Private Partnership (PPP) contract including Coláiste Ailigh, Leitir Ceanainn.

3. Construction Contract

Construction of the new Coláiste Ailigh building commenced in November 2012 at Donegal ETB's site at Knocknamona, Letterkenny. The contractors, BAM completed the construction of the new School in a 51 week period. The new School Building was handed over to the client for occupation on the pre-agreed date of 7th November 2013.

As part of the PPP Process, BAM FM [Facilities Management] will maintain the new School Building for a 25 year period.

4. Schedule of Accommodation

The new state of the art facility of approximately 3,850m² will cater for 350 pupils.

The excellent educational facilities are complimented by hard court and grass playing areas.

5. Gratitude

Donegal Education and Training Board wishes to extend its sincere gratitude to:

- a. The Minister for Education and Skills, Ruairí Quinn, T.D., together with his predecessors in the Department of Education and Skills and relevant officials for authorising this project to proceed to construction stage.
- b. The National Development Finance Agency (NDFA) for its assistance with the procurement, project management as well as providing financial advice on the project.
- c. all those who have assisted in bringing this project to completion, including the staff, past and present of the College, the Principal, Micheál Ó Giobúin, past and present Chairpersons and members of the Donegal ETB [formerly Donegal VEC], Boards of Management and Parents Associations of the School, our CEO, Mr Shaun Purcell, and former CEOs.

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NOTES FOR EDITORS

Coláiste Ailigh was established in 2000. It is an All-Irish Second Level School. The School falls under the remit of Donegal Education and Training Board [formerly Co. Donegal Vocational Education Committee]

Colaiste Ailigh is one of eight schools which comprise the third PPP contract (Bundle 3) in the Department of Education and Skills Schools PPP Programme which is being procured and delivered by the National Development Finance Agency on behalf of the Department of Education and Skills.

