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William C. Weldon, Chairman & CEO of Johnson & Johnson To Receive Council's Award for Outstanding Achievement At 47th Annual Dinner In New York.

"An Early and Important Industrial Investor in Ireland"

April 8, 2009; New York, NY: The Ireland-U.S. Council will present its *Award for Outstanding Achievement* in 2009 to William C. Weldon, Chairman and CEO of Johnson & Johnson to mark the notable work he and the company have done in building the business relationships between America and Ireland.



The award will be the centerpiece of the Council's 47th Annual Dinner to be held at the *Metropolitan Club* in New York City on **Thursday, November 12, 2009**. Each year, the Council presents this award to an individual who has made a significant contribution to enhancing the economic relationships between America and Ireland.

Dennis D. Swanson, the President of the Council based in New York, said "Johnson & Johnson was an early and important industrial investor in Ireland. We are extraordinarily pleased to recognize the substantial contributions made by Bill Weldon in building connections between Ireland and the United States. Through his dynamic and insightful leadership, the economic and business bonds between America and Ireland have been immeasurably enhanced. The members and directors of the Council are delighted to honor such an outstanding and worthy recipient with this well-deserved award."

A native of Brooklyn, New York, Mr. Weldon has spent his entire career with Johnson & Johnson. He joined the company as a sales representative for the McNeil Pharmaceutical business in 1971. He was elected to the Board of Directors and named Vice Chairman of the Board in 2001 and assumed his current responsibilities in 2002.

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He served in several sales, marketing and international management positions before becoming President of Ethicon Endo-Surgery in 1992 and Company Group Chairman of Ethicon Endo-Surgery in 1995. He was appointed to the Executive Committee of Johnson & Johnson and named Worldwide Chairman, Pharmaceuticals Group, in 1998. He is a Trustee of his alma mater, Quinnipiac University, from which he received a bachelor's degree in Biology in 1971.

Based in New Brunswick, New Jersey, USA, Johnson & Johnson is the world's most broadly-based healthcare products company with 250 operating companies involved in a range of activities from consumer products and pharmaceuticals to medical devices and diagnostics. With its broad portfolio of health care businesses, Johnson & Johnson is the largest medical device company, fourth largest biotech company, fifth largest consumer company and seventh largest pharmaceutical company in the world. It ranked #35 in the Fortune 500, based on 2007 sales, and 70% of its sales come from products with a number 1 or 2 market position. In 2008, it had sales of \$63.7 billion and it employs 119,000 people worldwide.

Johnson & Johnson employs approximately 2,200 people at its six manufacturing facilities and three sales and marketing operations in Ireland, representing a capital investment to date of \$1.8 billion. The company produces medical devices at three facilities: DePuy in Cork, Cordis in Cashel, County Tipperary; and Vistakon in Limerick. Pharmaceutical products are manufactured at Janssen and Centocor in Cork and Alza in Cashel, and the company has sales and marketing operations supporting the consumer, medical devices and pharmaceutical franchises located in Dublin. The company also operates a treasury management operation at the International Financial Services Center in Dublin.

The Ireland-U.S. Council was founded in 1963 by American and Irish business leaders. Its principal objective is to encourage closer business links between Ireland and the United States. The Council operates a variety of scholarship and internship programs, stages lectures, seminars and hosts frequent events in Ireland and in America aimed at building communications between business, political and opinion leaders on both sides of the Atlantic. As part of its platform, the Council also supports and sponsors many initiatives in the arts. The Council is not-for-profit corporation with headquarters in New York City and a permanent office in Dublin.

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