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**STENA LINE CONTINUES SPONSORSHIP OF NI’S PREMIER LOGISTICS DINNER**

Leading ferry company Stena Line will once more be the principal sponsor of this year’s Northern Ireland Logistics and Transport *Annual Gala Dinner*, hosted by the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT).

The event will take place at Titanic Belfast on Thursday 23rd February and is widely regarded as the premier dinner for the transport and logistics profession in Northern Ireland. Over 300 representatives from all sectors of the industry will be in attendance. This year’s guest speaker will be NI football team manager Michael O’Neil and the event will be compared by TV personality Zoe Salmon.

Anna Breen, Stena Line’s Freight Commercial Manager (Irish Sea North) said: “Stena Line is delighted to be the principal sponsor of such a prestigious event for the transport and logistics industry in Northern Ireland and we look forward to welcoming some new guests as well as many of our established local company representatives. This is our 3rd year of support for the dinner as principal sponsor and I’m pleased to say that once again a sell-out event will provide a unique opportunity for senior representatives of the industry to come together and exchanges views, opinions and experiences on what is a very dynamic and innovative industry. Despite the challenges which 2017 will undoubtedly pose for the industry it’s encouraging to see such a positive response to one of our main showcase industry events.”

Stena Line is one of Europe's leading ferry companies with 36 vessels and 20 routes in Northern Europe. Stena Line is an important part of the European logistics network and develops new intermodal freight solutions by combining transport by rail, road and sea. Stena Line also plays an important role for tourism in Europe with its extensive passenger operations. The company is family-owned, was founded in 1962 and is headquartered in Gothenburg. Stena Line is part of the Stena AB Group, which has about 15 000 employees and an annual turnover of around £3.65 billion.

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