**Issued on behalf of Stena Line**

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

Leading ferry company Stena Line has once again been 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 took place at Titanic Belfast on Thurs 28th 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 attended the event and this year’s guest speaker was Caspar Berry, a world leading authority on the topic of ‘uncertainty’, a subject under much scrutiny with the ongoing Brexit negotiations and the event was compared by local comedian Tim McGarry.

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 were delighted to see a number of new guests as well as many of our established local company representatives in attendance. This is our 5th year of support for the dinner as principal sponsor and I’m pleased to say that once again a sell-out event provided 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 2019 will undoubtedly pose for the industry it’s encouraging to see such a positive response to one of our main showcase industry events and it was particularly interesting to hear the views of Caspar on the topic of the moment – uncertainty!”

Stena Line is one of Europe's leading ferry companies with 38 vessels and 20 routes across 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.

Stena Line is the largest ferry operator on the Irish Sea, offering the biggest fleet and the widest choice of routes between Britain to Ireland including Belfast to Liverpool and Heysham, Belfast to Cairnryan, Dublin to Holyhead and Rosslare to Fishguard routes, a total of 232 weekly sailing options between Britain and Ireland. Stena Line also offers a direct service from Rosslare to Cherbourg with three return crossings a week.

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