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CER SUCCESSFULLY PROSECUTES CAMPERMAN LTD FOR PORTRAYING ITSELF AS A REGISTERED GAS INSTALLER

On 11th December 2014 the Commission for Energy Regulation (CER) prosecuted Camperman Ltd, a company based in County Wexford, for illegally portraying itself as a Registered Gas Installer. This case was heard at the Gorey District Court.

At the time, Camperman Ltd was not a Registered Gas Installer and therefore committed an offence under the Electricity Regulation Act, 1999.

The court imposed a criminal conviction on Camperman Ltd and issued a fine of €500. In addition, costs of €300 were awarded to the CER.

This prosecution emphasises the requirement by law for anyone using the Registered Gas Installer logo or portraying themselves as a Registered Gas Installer, to be registered with the Registered Gas Installers of Ireland (RGII).

Commissioner for Safety, Paul McGowan stated:

“Today’s case sends a clear signal that the CER will prosecute companies and individuals that illegally portray themselves as Registered Gas Installers. Only companies or individuals registered with the Register of Gas Installers of Ireland may call themselves a Registered Gas Installer. Registration is required to protect the safety of the public. The public can be assured that only Registered Gas Installers are competent, insured and inspected.”

If any member of the public suspects that a domestic gas installation has been maintained, repaired or installed by an unregistered individual they should report it directly (anonymously, if they wish) by completing an illegal gas works complaint form at www.rgii.ie or by contacting 1850 454 454.

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Note to Editors:

1. Under the Energy (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2006 the CER has responsibility to regulate the activities of gas undertakings and gas installers with respect to safety. The CER appointed the Register of Gas Installers Ireland (RGII) to carry out this function on its behalf. Any person wishing to carry out Gas Works (as defined under Statutory Instrument 225/2009 and 299/2011) is required by law to register as a Registered Gas Installer (RGI) with RGII.
2. There are approximately 3,000 RGI's in Ireland. By using an RGI customers can have confidence that they are dealing with a trained installer who has the required expertise in gas safety to ensure their gas installation is safe. The RGII supervise the work of RGI's with respect to safety. Visit www.RGII.ie for further information and a full listing of Registered Gas Installers.
3. The CER's mission in this area is to protect life, to prevent injury, and to minimise economic loss, by means of a pro-active, precautionary and preventative approach to ensuring the safe transmission, distribution and use of gas.
4. Please visit CER website at www.cer.ie for further information on CER's safety responsibilities.