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SPL Powerlines launches presence in Ireland

SPL Powerlines, a specialist rail electrification subsidiary of the Powerlines Group, officially launched establishment of their presence in Ireland, on Thursday 25 June.

SPL Powerlines is one of the leading specialist rail electrification subsidiaries of the Powerlines Group, operating as part of Equans, a leading company in the energy and services sector. Equans' long-term commitment to Ireland and SPL Powerlines' deep technical expertise in the design and delivery of rail electrification systems, brings a unique combination of international scale, specialist capability, and strategic investment to support Ireland's infrastructure ambitions.

John Lahart TD welcomed the establishment of the SPL Powerlines office in Ireland. Deputy Lahart said: "In an era of global disruption, reliable partners are critical. As Ireland's closest EU neighbour, and with a relationship that stretches back centuries, evolving that strategic relationship is vital and mutually beneficial. For that reason, I am delighted to see the expansion of a company as dynamic as this expand into Ireland – at a time of critical infrastructure development."

Ambassador Place said: "France is Ireland's closest EU neighbour, and we value the strong and growing links between our two countries. The establishment of this new presence in Ireland by a major French multinational reinforces the deep relationship between neighbouring states."

Richard Dujardin, Member of Equans Executive committee, who is also the President of NetworkIrlande, the Franco Irish chamber of Commerce based in Paris, said: "With SPL Powerlines expansion into Ireland this represents a significant step in Equans' broader investment in the country and reflects our commitment to contributing meaningfully to Ireland's evolving transport and energy landscape. This aligns closely with national priorities around sustainability, resilience, decarbonisation, and enhanced connectivity."

SPL Powerlines UK & Ireland Regional Managing Director, Lee Pounder stated: "As Ireland prepares to assume the Presidency of the Council of the European Union on 1 July 2026, this moment offers a compelling example of how a major French group and its specialist UK subsidiary are jointly investing in Ireland's future, illustrating the practical benefits of European partnership in action."

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This announcement has been made at the Residence of the French ambassador in Dublin to mark this milestone and to highlight tri partite Franco–Anglo–Irish collaboration in infrastructure development.

About Powerlines

Powerlines builds future networks for rail, energy, and e-mobility. The Group implements complex overhead and transmission line construction projects for international customers and provides innovative charging infrastructure solutions. The Powerlines Group is one of Europe's leading providers of infrastructure electrification solutions. The electrification of public transport systems is the basis of decarbonisation and thus the reduction of CO_2 emissions in transport. The construction and expansion of energy transmission infrastructure is paving the way for the energy transition. The Powerlines Group has its headquarters in Lower Austria and local subsidiaries in Central and Northern Europe. The Group employs over 1,370 people. In the 2025 financial year it generated a turnover of EUR 430 million. The Powerlines Group is an Equans France company.

About Equans and Equans France

Equans, a subsidiary of the Bouygues group, is a global leader in the energy and services sector. In France, Equans France draws on its historic brands Ineo, Axima, and Bouygues Energies & Services and its strong local presence to support businesses, local authorities, and industries in meeting the challenges of the energy, industrial, and digital transitions. With the ability to operate at every stage of projects' lifecycle, Equans France brings together 35,000 employees to design, install and supply tailor-made solutions that optimize clients' equipment and usage, enhancing infrastructure performance and energy efficiency. Its expertise spans electrical engineering, HVAC, refrigeration, fire safety, Facility Management, multi-technical maintenance, IT & Telecommunication, and digital solutions. On a global scale, Equans operates in 20 countries, with 83,000 employees across 5 continents and a turnover of 18.72 billion euros in 2025. Following a similar dynamic, its subsidiary Equans France achieved a turnover of 7.2 billion euros in 2025 and operates in nearly 30 countries.

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