



## THE LABOUR COURT

### INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (AMENDMENT) ACT 2015

#### APPLICATION FOR A REQUEST to EXAMINE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT IN A SECTOR

Name of applicant:	Connect Trade (Union & Unite the Union Joint Application)
Address:	<b>(Appendix 1.)</b>
Contact Number:	<b>(Appendix 1.)</b>
Email Address:	<b>(Appendix 1.)</b>
Sector:	<b>Mechanical Engineering Building Services Contracting Sector as defined by S.I. No. 59 of 2018 (Appendix 2.)</b>
Class, type or group of workers to which the request relates:  <b>Qualified Plumbers and Registered Apprentice Plumbers (Craftsperson) and Qualified Pipefitters and Registered Apprentice Pipefitters (Craftsperson) working in the Sector as defined in S.I. No. 59 of 2018.</b>	
Please enter details of the arrangements (if any) by which terms and conditions relating to remuneration and any sick pay scheme or pension scheme, of the workers in the sector to which the request relates are determined:  <b>Terms &amp; Conditions of employment within this sector are currently determined by a National Collective Employment Agreement (which is negotiated by the both aforementioned Union and the MEBSCA Employer Group under the auspices of the Workplace Relations Commission) parts of which are protected by S.I. No. 59 of 2018.</b>	
Where the applicant is a trade union of workers, please enter the name and address of any other trade union of workers that is representative of workers in the sector to which the request relates:  <b>Unite the Union.</b>	
Where the applicant is a trade union of workers, please enter the name and address of any trade union of employers or organisation of employers that is representative of employers in the sector to which the request relates:  <b>MEBSCA (c/o Construction Industry Federation) Construction House Canal Road Dublin 6</b>	

Signature of Applicant: Brian Adair

Date: 24/09/2020

## **Appendix 1. Contact Details of the Applicants.**

### **Applicant 1.**

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### **Applicant 2.**

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Email: [Thomas.fitzgerald@unitetheunion.org](mailto:Thomas.fitzgerald@unitetheunion.org)

## **Appendix 2**

For the purposes of this application the definition of the sector is taken directly from SI No. 59 of 2018 and states the following:

For the purposes of this Sectoral Employment Order for the Mechanical Engineering Building Services Contracting Sector means the sector of the economy comprising the following economic activity.

*“The installation, alteration, fabrication, fitting, repair, maintenance, commission, removal and demolition in any building or its sites of articles, fittings, pipes, containers, tubes or instruments, storage facilities, etc. (including central heating apparatus, central plant apparatus, machinery and fuel containers connected thereto) for heating, cooling, including domestic hot and cold water systems, medical and process gases, process pipe services, utility pipe services and compressed and vacuum services of such buildings.”*

**Statutory Declaration in accordance with the Statutory Declarations Act, 1938**

**a) Name of Applicant:**  
Connect Trade Union

**b) Position held by the Declarant:**  
General Secretary

**c) Registered Address of the Applicant within the State:**  
Connect Trade Union, Head Office, 6, Gardiner Row, Dublin 1.

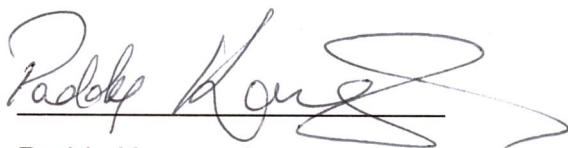
**d) Number of workers of the class, type or group to which the request relates who are members of the trade union of workers on whose behalf the request is made:**  
circa 4227.

**e) Number of workers of the class, type or group to which the request relates who are normally employed in the sector to which the request relates:**  
circa 10,179.

**f) The declarant's means of knowledge of the matters referred to at paragraphs (d) and (e):**

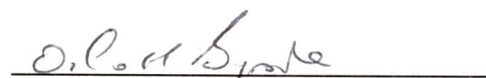
(d) Refers to the number of the class, type or group who are in membership of the Connect Trade Union.

(e) on last application for SEO the Information supplied on this was based on DKM Consultants Report (Demand for Skills in Construction 2020) estimation that there was 8,700 workers of the class type or group to which the request relates in 2015. Arising from research done we had applied the overall increase in construction employment increases from the Central Statistics Office (+17% from Q4 2015 to Q2 2020, CSO Labour Force Survey) resulting in the estimated figure of Workers of the class, type or group to which this requests relates is circa 10,179.



Paddy Kavanagh,  
General Secretary.

Date: 24-9-20



Commissioner for Oaths  
**Oriath Byrne**  
Practising Solicitor  
31 Eccles Street  
Dublin 7.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*24 Sept. 2020.*

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