

## Appendix 5 SAMPLE MEDIA HOLDING STATEMENT

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### **Media Statement**

An incident (briefly describe (*fire / explosion*)) took place / is imminent at Bellanaboy Bridge Gas Terminal / Corrib Gas Terminal, Bellanaboy Bridge, Bellagelly South, Barnatra, Ballina, Co. Mayo at (time, day and date).

An External Emergency Plan for the establishment was activated and resources from Mayo Fire Service, the HSE and An Garda Síochána were called to the scene.

Currently there are (detail number and type of emergency response units) present at the scene.

At this early stage, all our energies are concentrated on bringing the situation under control.

The public should be aware the following information:

- (If relevant) Members of the public present in the vicinity (details area) are advised to go indoors, close windows and remain indoors for now.
- Members of the public should not attend at the scene of the emergency.
- Access to the site is restricted. It is vital that all roads in the vicinity remain clear to allow emergency vehicles access to the site.
- Alternative routes and diversions are in operation and we would ask the public to observe and obey road signs in the vicinity and to listen to radio news bulletins for updates.
- Public transport routes are (affected / unaffected).
- Members of the media can contact (provide details).
- We are not in a position to comment on any medical details as yet and no interviews can be given at this time.
- Further updates will be made available as soon as possible.