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Clonmel Chamber To Explore Export Links For Members With Canada

Clonmel Chamber representatives met with the Canadian Ambassador to Ireland, Mr. Patrick Binns and Senior Canadian Trade Commissioner, Suzanne Cormie, last week to explore opportunities for Chamber members.

Both parties agreed to host an event in Clonmel later this year for Clonmel Chamber members seeking to export in to the NAFTA zone or who may wish to source products from Canada.

"It is an undeniable fact that the Irish market has shrunk somewhat and that is why we are seeking opportunities for our members in other areas" said Chamber CEO, Brian Cleary. Canada offers great potential for our Clonmel businesses because of its membership of the North American Free Trade Agreement group of countries. 200 Irish companies export to Canada at the moment and we are seeking to increase that number. Canada offers free trade access to the USA and Mexico and that is something that we are exploring for our members" he added.

"The Ambassador and his Senior Trade Commissioner were particularly impressed with the wide range of industry and business in Clonmel and they see many areas where we can work together," said Clonmel Chamber President, Tina Mulhearn. "Many of our members in the manufacturing sector are constantly seeking new markets and we are eager to open new potential markets for them. The event with the Canadian embassy later this year promises to be very interesting" she added.

The meeting, which took place at Hotel Minella, is one of a number of similar meetings that the Chamber has held with Ambassadors in the last number of months in an effort to develop business opportunities abroad for members.

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