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Travel Counsellors Ireland Congratulates its First Gold Counsellors!

A commitment to offering customers the very best possible travel advice has paid off for Irish Travel Counsellors Rosemary Chawke and Gail Buckley, who have been awarded Gold status by their company Travel Counsellors, making them the first Gold Travel Counsellors in Ireland.

Travel Counsellors has 24 agents located throughout Ireland, with over 740 throughout the UK and overseas, but Rosemary and Gail are two of a select few to have been awarded Gold status, with commissions totalling over €79,500, the target set by the Company to achieve gold in Ireland. They join a group of over 70 other Gold Travel Counsellors as two of the award winning agency's top performers.

Rosemary joined Travel Counsellors in January 2006 with 14 years experience within the travel industry, and has since seen her business go from strength to strength. She was presented with the Best Newcomer Award for Ireland at the Company's annual conference in November in recognition of her hard work and dedication to providing an exceptional level of service to her customers. Rosemary then went onto earn the prestigious Gold Travel Counsellors status in February, just two months after she gave birth to her baby daughter Katie. She is also one of the first Travel Counsellors to achieve Gold status in her first full year.

"I can't believe I have achieved gold, especially so soon after having Katie," says Rosemary. "It has been a busy few months so it's great to be recognised by my company for all my hard work. I love my job and always try to give my customers the best possible service, which means that once people book with me they rarely go back to a traditional agency."

Gail joined Travel Counsellors Ireland in October 2005, having worked within the travel industry for 12 years. She worked for 10 of those years within an independent agency and always felt she never got the deserved recognition for being one of the best. She was awarded gold status in March, a fantastic achievement and an important step in Gail's continuing success.



Gails says; “I am absolutely thrilled to have achieved gold status so early on in my career as a Travel Counsellor. I have worked hard to get where I am and it is so rewarding to have such a wonderful team behind me. Being a Travel Counsellor was a life changing decision and one I have absolutely no regrets about. My quality of life has changed so drastically since becoming a Travel Counsellor. I have so much more time to spend with my family and I don’t have to an awful commute to work anymore. The biggest reward of all is the loyalty that all of my clients have shown me. They are always referring their family and friends and all really wanted me to succeed - what better reward is there than to have happy customers?”

Working from home using award-winning technology allows Rosemary and Gail to be available at the time that is most convenient to their customers, including during the evenings and at weekends.

They both add; “The support from the Company and all the other Irish Travel Counsellors has been brilliant. It has been a fantastic few months for us and we look forward to our futures at Travel Counsellors.”

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EDITOR’S NOTES

Travel Counsellors Ireland is licensed and bonded with the Commission for Aviation Regulation in Ireland – Travel Agents Licence No 621. Travel Counsellors PLC is one of Europe’s largest independent travel companies with turnover at the end of its last financial year (Oct 31 2006) of £175million (€260million), a 17% increase year on year. Founded by chairman David Speakman in 1994 it currently has over 720 Travel Counsellors who work from home with the support of over 130 staff at the company’s head office in Bolton, England. The company operates in the UK, Ireland, the Netherlands and the US. Travel Counsellors Ireland was established in June 2005 and currently has 24 Personal Travel Counsellors in the Republic.

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