

# McElwaine Security Services Ltd announced today it has merged with Dublin-based company R.A.S Group.

With offices in Belfast and Lisnaskea, McElwaine Security has been in growth mode with turnover increasing by 30% in the last year. The merger brings staffing levels to 44 with an increase at the Dublin office planned with immediate effect.

“We see the opportunity for the Dublin market to serve as a new growth hub,” said Jason McElwaine, Managing Director of McElwaine Security. “...We admire the talent, integrity and high skill levels that R.A.S Group management and staff bring. This merger creates a compelling new mix of services, experience, and expertise in the specialist electronic security sector.”

“The R.A.S Group is known for its thoroughness, strength and reliability in providing a complete end to end service through one point of contact. By working together we can achieve a wider understanding of these qualities particularly in relation to core operational strengths in consultation, design, installation, commissioning monitoring and on-going site management,” said Martin Stairs, Managing Director, R.A.S Group.

“BREXIT was a consideration but not the motivating factor for the merger,” Mr. McElwaine said. Both companies have significant business interests in each others territories with multinational clients in the pharmaceutical, education, government, retail and petroleum sectors.

“New cross-border compliance, regulatory and transactional issues may emerge, but we can better meet these challenges as one company and with fibre connections there is no limit to our potential together. In Martin Stairs the R.A.S Group has the considerable advantage of a founding family ethos. That is evident through their people business approach, the quality of their work, industry accreditations and secure customer base. That provides an excellent fit for our own company culture and adds up to 40 years of combined experience.” added Mr. McElwaine.

“This merger demonstrates our commitment to building McElwaine Security across Ireland and Europe, but my first and immediate focus is filling new jobs at the Dublin office. I started my own career working for my father John. It was a fast track apprenticeship in the crafts of electronics, circuit boards and innovation. I am very excited by Ireland’s National Apprenticeship System and in particular the expansion of the system that is underway. I want to explore how we can contribute to it and continue to build the R.A.S. commitment to training and service excellence.”

## **About McElwaine Security**

Established in 1996 to provide specialist electronic security services and solutions initially within Northern Ireland and expanding year on year to meet the demands of both the local market and customers throughout Ireland and the UK.

McElwaine Security have developed its own Category 2 Alarm Receiving Centre (ARC). B Secure Monitoring Solutions provides CCTV monitoring, lone worker, social alarms, public space CCTV monitoring and site management.

## **About R.A.S. Group**

Has been in the security business for over 30 years with a broad customer base and experience across all industry sectors, R.A.S. Group provides bespoke security services to the Retail, Commercial, Industrial, Semi-State and Domestic markets.

The company will continue to operate from Parkwest Enterprise Centre base at Lavery Avenue, Park West, Dublin 12

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