# Killorglin company's AI plan to create up to 25 jobs

## Kerry company now serving customers on five continents

**KILLORGLIN TECH COMPANY Graphite Note is bucking the trend after raising €1.2m to expand their AI (artificial intelligence) platform across the globe - creating 25 potential jobs locally.**

BY MICHAEL AHERN

The Kerry-founded machine learning data analytics platform was founded in 2020 by Hrvoje Smolic and Vinnie Lynch and now serves companies such as Killorglin's Fexco (PACE) and other European companies from its base at The RDI Hub in Killorglin.

The purpose of this subscription-based (SaaS) model is to help businesses predict business outcomes and access recommended actions in minutes, rather than months - helping them strengthen their efficiency and growth.

Co-founder Vinnie Lynch believes that sales is a science and "our platform brings that science to businesses across the globe."

"We are delighted to have the support of Enterprise Ireland, our angel investors and other contributors to this round, who understand the value of this mission, and the importance of investing in regional tech players."

Commenting on local expertise, Mr Lynch added: "We have seen a burgeoning tech community formed in Munster in recent years, and it is one we are proud to be a part of.

"This is a very exciting time for us, as these partnerships only accelerate our mission," he said.

A recent International Scientific Report on the Safety of Advanced AI found that many economists expect the potential job losses as a result of automation 'could be offset, partly or completely, by the creation of new jobs and by increased demand in non-automated sectors'.

This might mean new opportunities created by AI in Kerry, servicing all kinds of financial and data-focused businesses.

The seed investment round of €1.2m comes from angel investors such as Gerry Devitt of Harvest Financial and Enterprise Ireland.

Co-Founders of Graphite Note, Vinnie Lynch and Hrvoje Smolic

The Kerry founded company will be using the funds to target further international expansion, in addition to creating 25 jobs in the Kerry region over the next two years.

Co-founder Hrvoje Smolic says their business brings 'immediate, impactful and lasting results' in the AI evolution as they look to replicate the success they've have with existing clients on a wider scale.

He says the AI tool combines highly sophisticated technology with a simplified, easy-to-use front-end.

"I saw firsthand just how labour intensive and expensive data science can be, during my tenure as a data scientist, and the issues this has historically caused for companies," said Hrvoje Smolic.

"Our goal is to democratise data analytics to give businesses an immediate competitive advantage. This is the future of data," added Hrvoje Smolic.

The company now has inbound generated customers across five continents - The US, Europe, Asia, Australia and Africa.

# Liebherr deadline now closing

**THE DEADLINE for the 2024 Liebherr Container Cranes Scholarship Programme is set to close this Friday, May 31st.**

Building on seven years of success, the programme includes paid scholarships for students studying various engineering, IT, and automation courses. The scholarship covers tuition fees for the duration of the course, as well as providing students the opportunity to complete work experience during summer vacations and college placements throughout the academic year.

This programme offers an excellent opportunity for Leaving Certificate and college students to gain a third level qualification and continue their employment with Liebherr upon graduation.

Qualifying degree courses for the scholarship include, but are not limited to mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, structural engineering, mechatronics, automation, business information systems, computer science, software development, and data analytics. Successful scholarship recipients will have the opportunity to work on innovative technology projects at Liebherr, contributing to advancements in the ever-changing industry.

Interested candidates should apply by email to scholarshiprecruit.lcc@liebherr.com. Applicants should include a CV detailing Leaving Certificate/Junior Certificate/college projects and/or results and a cover letter explaining why they have chosen engineering/computer science as a career path. In the case of leaving certificate applicants, a copy of their completed CAO form showing their choice of engineering/computer science course should be included. Closing date is the 31st May 2024.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE CHIARRAÍ**
**KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**

*BÓITHRE A DHÚNADH GO SEALADACH*
**TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS**

*ALT 75 d'ACHT NA mBÓITHRE 1993*
**SECTION 75 OF ROADS ACT 1993**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Section 75 of the Roads Act 1993, and the Temporary Closing of Roads Regulations 1994, Kerry County Council **is proposing** to close to public traffic the following road:

**Road Closed:** L-4070 Reenrusheen Road, Caherciveen, Co. Kerry.

**Road Closing Times:** From 8.00 a.m. on Monday, 24th June to 6.00 p.m. on Friday, 2nd August 2024, Monday to Friday, excluding weekends (Road will reopen every Friday evening at 6.00 p.m. and will close on Monday morning at 8.00 a.m.)

The purpose of this road closure is to facilitate the installation of a new sewer main.

**Diversions will be as follows and will be clearly signposted:**

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| Traffic travelling to Caherciveen | Alternative route is via the N70 National Secondary Road |
| Traffic travelling from Caherciveen | Alternative route is via the N70 National Secondary Road |

Local Access will be provided for Emergency Services and local residents.

Any person having an objection to the above proposal should lodge same, in writing, marked **Road Closure**, with the Administrative Officer, Roads, Transportation and Marine Department, County Buildings, Tralee, County Kerry or by e-mail to roads@kerrycoco.ie not later than **4.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 4th June 2024.**

To enable the processing of submissions/ objections Kerry County Council can legally process this information, as necessary, to comply with its statutory/legal obligations. Such information will be processed in line with the Council's privacy statement which is available at www.kerrycoco.ie.

**Padraig Corkery**
**Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs**

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Tugtar fógra anseo faoi réir Alt 75 d'Acht na mBóithre 1993, agus na Rialacha faoi Bhóithre a Dhúnadh go Sealadach, 1994, go bhfuil **cinneadh déanta ag** Comhairle Contae Chiarraí na bóithre, mar atá liostáilte thíos, a dhúnadh chun cabhrú le heagrú **stáid rothaíochta** rás'Dingle Adventure Race' ar an **Sathairn, 8 Meitheamh 2024.**
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the Roads Act 1993, Section 75, and the Temporary Closing of Roads Regulations 1994, Kerry County Council **has decided** to close the roads as detailed below in order to facilitate the holding of the **cycle leg** of the Dingle Adventure Race on **Saturday, 8 June 2024.**

Beidh an lána dul siar ar Bhealach Thiomána Ceann Sléibhe R559 ó Charrchlós na Muiríne go Droichead Bhaile an Mhuilinn, Baile an Daingin dúnta do thrácht amach ó 08:00 go 09:00.

The west bound lane of the R559 Slea Head Drive route from The Marina Carpark to Milltown Bridge, Dingle Town will be closed to outbound traffic from 08:00 to 09:00.

*Mám Clasach*
Ó Dhún Chaoin (Bóthar uimh. R559 / L5002) go Ard a Bhóthair via Mám Clasach
From Dunquin (Road No. R559 / L5002) to Ard a Bhóthair via Mám Clasach

*Bóthar Dúnta ó* / **Road Closing Times from: 09:30 – 13:00**

*Slí Ceann Sléibhe* / **Slea Head Drive**
An R559 ó Leataobh Clocháin Choirceogach Réamhstairiúla, Fán go Leataobh Radharc na mBlascaodaí, Com Dhíneol Theas
The R559 from the Prehistoric Bee-Hive-Huts Layby, Fahan to the Blasket's View Layby, Cumeenole South

*Bóthar Dúnta ó* / **Road Closing Times from: 08:15 – 09:30**

Beidh malairt treo marcála go soiléir agus beidh bealaí rochtain ar fail do sheirbhísí Éigeandála.
Alternative routes will be clearly signposted and access will be provided for Emergency Services.

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*AN tACHT UM PLEANÁIL AGUS FORBAIRT 2000 (ARNA LEASÚ)*
**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED)**
*NA RIALACHÁIN UM PLEANÁIL AGUS FORBAIRT 2001 (ARNA LEASÚ)*
**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED)**

*COMHAIRLIÚCHÁN PHOIBLÍ*/**PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

**Notice of Application to An Bord Pleanála for Approval for a Facility Centre for Water Based Activities at Magherabeg Beach, Castlegregory, Co. Kerry in the townland of Magherabeg**

In accordance with Section 177AE of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) notice is hereby given that Kerry County Council proposes to seek the approval of An Bord Pleanála to carry out the following development at Magherabeg Beach, Castlegregory, Co. Kerry in the townland of Magherabeg:

- Construct new water based Activity Facility consisting of covered open space, individual showers and changing cubicles, WC cubicles, 'changing spaces' compliant changing and shower room, accessible WC and shower room, storage spaces, public lockers, plant room and external showers,
- Construct new accessible parking area adjacent to the facility to provide two Part M compliant Accessible Car Parking Spaces using the existing northern vehicular entrance,
- Reconfigure the existing amenity space to create a pedestrian only zone around the new facility and the entrance to the beach. The northern entrance will service the accessible parking area only,
- Construct Wastewater Treatment plant and soil polishing filter to cater for wastewater from facility,
- Relocation of the existing demountable public toilet unit during facility construction,
- Adjust the existing ramp access to the beach to adhere to Part M requirements,
- Provide a hard standing area for emergency vehicles adjacent to the lifeguard unit,
- Provide a concrete base for the lifeguard unit including ducting for the provision of power and telecoms.

A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been prepared in respect of the proposed development.

An Bord Pleanála may give approval for the development with or without conditions or may refuse the application for development.

The Natura Impact Statement, together with Plans and Particulars prepared in respect of the proposed development will be available for inspection, during normal office hours, at the following locations from

**Wednesday, 05th June 2024 to Friday, 19th July 2024**

- Kerry County Council, Dingle Area Office, Milltown, Dingle V92V078
- Kerry County Council, Prince's Street, Tralee, Co. Kerry. V92 YX54
- Kerry County Council Website www.kerrycoco.ie
- An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin, D01 V902

The Natura Impact Statement, together with Plans and Particulars, may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such copy)

**Submissions and observations, with respect to the proposed development, relating to:**

I. The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development in the area concerned,
II. The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
III. The likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European site, if carried out.

**may only be made in writing to The Secretary, An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902 before 5.30 p.m. on Friday, 19th July 2024.**

A person may question the validity of any such decision of the Bord by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986) in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)

Practical information in respect of the judicial review process can be accessed on the Bord's website www.pleanala.ie or the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie

**Padraig Corkery,**
**Oifigeach Feidhmiúcháin Sinsearach, Gnóthaí Corparáide**