

## Wicklow businessman shortlisted for Ireland's top business award

Barry McCleary, founder and CEO of Bray based Biotechnology company, Megazyme International, will compete for the title of the 2009 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year. Barry will go head to head with 24 finalists who were selected from a competitive pool of over 110 business and individual entries received from across the island of Ireland.

Chaired by telecoms entrepreneur, Mr. Denis O'Brien, the 12-strong panel of judges have chosen eight companies in each of three categories - international, industry and emerging. Barry has been shortlisted in the International category. The company was founded in 1988 in Sydney, Australia and in 1996 relocated to Bray, County Wicklow, where it constructed a "purpose-built" research facility in the IDA Business Park. Megazyme is a research based, biochemical company that develops and supplies diagnostic test kits to the food, feed, fermentation, wine and dairy industries, worldwide.

"Entrepreneurial spirit and success is still very evident even during these recessionary times," said Enda Kelly, Ernst &

Young programme partner-in-charge, announcing the shortlist. "The selected finalists are conquering the national and global marketplace and are acting as strong role models for a new generation of entrepreneurs. They have

grown and maintained socially responsible businesses and their innovation and risk taking ability acts as the very foundation of our economic prosperity and we are pleased to acclaim them," added Kelly.

Each finalist will feature in a three-part series to appear on RTE in October and the winner will be announced at a televised Awards Ceremony on 22nd October, held at City West Hotel, Dublin.



*Pictured is Barry McCleary, founder and CEO of Bray based Biotechnology company, Megazyme International, with Enda Kelly, Ernst & Young, at the announcement of his shortlist success for the 2009 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year award. 24 companies have been shortlisted and will vie for the coveted award which will be announced at a televised awards ceremony in October.*