



Goodman firm buys sausage maker

by **Business Reporter**

LARRY Goodman's beef processing firm, Irish Food Processors (IFP), has acquired British sausage producer WA Turner for an undisclosed sum.

WA Turner, which has been trading for more than 150 years, has two sites and is headquartered in Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

It will operate alongside IFP's Anglo Beef Processors (ABP) Group.

An IFP spokesperson said: "The Turner operation fits perfectly into our group strategy. This acquisition

confirms our commitment to expanding our interest in consumer-ready products and to investing in the UK food market."

IFP, with 28 plants in Ireland and Britain, is responsible for processing almost 20% of all beef produced in Britain.

Mark Roberts, who will continue as chief executive of WA Turner, said: "Our products are in a growth area of the market and moving into the ABP Group will give us the additional financial strength and skills to fully exploit our potential."

Companies within the

ABP Group in Britain include Wessex Foods and sister companies include sausage supplier Freshlink Foods in Glasgow.

IFP is the parent company of Anglo Irish Beef Processors in Ireland where it has a 25% market share, and ABP in Britain. It employs more than 3,500 people and has an annual turnover of more than €1.3 billion.

Meanwhile, a Co. Kerry-based company, which specialises in workplace management solutions, is to invest €1.2m in accelerating its international growth.

Headquartered in Tralee,

Donseed Ltd provides web-based software solutions for clients in the construction, retail and energy sectors to track health and safety compliance and employee time-keeping and attendance, cutting down on administration costs.

The investment will be supported by Enterprise Ireland and AIB's Seed Capital Fund and will enhance Donseed's in-house R&D and sales functions and create 26 jobs at the firm over the next two years. The AIB funding will provide €500,000 in venture capital.