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**Questionnaire
Ireland**

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Good morning/afternoon. I am from Millward Brown IMS Limited.

We are conducting a survey on innovation today in Europe. We would like to ask you about your experiences and priorities in this area. The survey will take about ten minutes. May I have this time with you now?

First of all I need some information on your company.

D1. How many people does your company consistently employ in Ireland?

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[IF LESS THAN 20 PEOPLE EMPLOYED > STOP INTERVIEW]
[IF DK/NA > STOP INTERVIEW]

D2. Is your company mainly concerned with ...?

[READ OUT – ONLY ONE ANSWER]

- extraction or production of raw materials 1
- construction or civil engineering 2
- production and manufacturing of goods 3
- trade and distribution (wholesale or retail) 4
- transport (of goods, merchandise or people) 5
- financial services (banking, insurance, brokerage) 6
- communications 7
- other services to businesses 8
- other services to consumers 9
- (none of these cases) **[SPECIFY]** 10

- **[Agriculture → STOP INTERVIEW]**
- **[Public Administration → STOP INTERVIEW]**
- **[DK/NA → STOP INTERVIEW]**

D3. Since when does your company exist?

[READ OUT – ONLY ONE ANSWER]

- founded before 1973 (more than 30 years) 1
- founded between 1973 and 1982 (more than 20 years) 2
- founded between 1983 and 1992 (more than 10 years) 3
- founded between 1993 and 1997 (more than 5 years) 4
- founded since 1998 (within the last 5 years) 5
- **[DK/NA]** 6

D4. Approximately what percentage of your sales does your company make in exports?
[IF DON'T KNOW EXACTLY, INSIST ON GETTING AN ESTIMATE]

- [][][][]%
- **[IF DK/NA > CODE 999]**

D5. What percentage of your turnover does your company generate from trade with other firms?
[IF DON'T KNOW EXACTLY, INSIST ON GETTING AN ESTIMATE]

- [][][][]%
- **[IF DK/NA > CODE 999]**

6. What percentage of your turnover does your company generate from trade with consumers?
[IF DON'T KNOW EXACTLY, INSIST ON GETTING AN ESTIMATE]

- [][][]%
- [IF DK/NA > CODE 999]

[CHECK THAT THE SUM OF D5 AND D6 IS EQUAL TO 100%]

1. Let us now begin with your company's overall efforts and achievements in innovation during the last two years.

1.1 In your opinion, approximately what percentage of your turnover comes from new or renewed products or services, introduced during the last two years?

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- a) 0%..... 1
- b) 1-5% 2
- c) 6-10%..... 3
- d) 11-20%..... 4
- e) 21-50%..... 5
- f) 51% or more 6
- g) (DK/NA) 7

1.2 In the last two years, approximately what percentage of your investment was dedicated to innovation, either in your products, processes or organisation?

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- a) 0%..... 1
- b) 1-5%..... 2
- c) 6-10%..... 3
- d) 11-20%..... 4
- e) 21-50%..... 5
- f) 51% or more 6
- g) (DK/NA)..... 7

1.3 Which of the following factors provided the strongest incentives for your company to innovate over the last two years? Firstly? Secondly?

- a) Firstly 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
- b) Secondly 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

[READ OUT – ROTATE – ONE ANSWER FOR “FIRSTLY” AND ONE ANSWER FOR “SECONDLY” EXPECTED]

- response to consumer needs..... 1
- increasing price competition..... 2
- increasing product competition 3
- compliance measures in response to new regulatory or legislative obligations 4
- need to improve the productivity level of personnel..... 5
- need to improve the efficiency of machinery and equipment..... 6
- (DK/NA) 7

1.4 We would like to know what are the two most important unsatisfied needs in terms of innovation in your company, amongst the following ...?
[READ OUT – ROTATE – TWO ANSWERS EXPECTED]

- a) Finding or mobilising human resources 1
- b) Accessing innovative customers and/or markets 2
- c) Finding or using new technologies 3
- d) Finding or mobilising financial resources..... 4
- e) Knowledge sharing or networking..... 5
- f) Protecting your knowledge 6
- g) [DON'T READ OUT none of these, but this one is]: [SPECIFY] 7
- h) [DON'T READ OUT no need more important than the other] 8
- i) [DK/NA]..... 9

1.5 Each of the following means may be of relevance to your company in accessing advanced technologies. For each of these means, could you rate how satisfactory or unsatisfactory it is in accessing advanced technologies?
[READ OUT – ROTATE – ONE ANSWER PER ITEM]

- rather satisfactory 1
 - rather unsatisfactory 2
 - (neither satisfactory nor unsatisfactory)..... 3
 - [DK/NA]..... 4
- a) acquisition of advanced machinery and equipment
 - b) co-operation with suppliers or customers
 - c) conducting in-house R&D
 - d) co-operation with universities or R&D specialists
 - e) acquisition of external intellectual property (purchasing of licences)

1.6 Compared to two years ago, do you consider that your company's capacity to innovate is...?
[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- improving 1
- deteriorating 2
- remains unchanged 3
- (DK/NA)..... 4

Turning now to your firms' past experiences with parties implicated in various stages of your innovative effort....

2.1 In terms of your company's experience in innovation, could you tell me if you are rather satisfied or rather dissatisfied with the support of the following institutions or groups?

[READ OUT – ROTATE – ONE ANSWER PER ITEM]

- rather satisfied 1
 - rather dissatisfied 2
 - (neither satisfied nor dissatisfied) 3
 - (DK/NA)..... 4
- a) Chambers of Commerce..... 1 2 3 4
 - b) Banks 1 2 3 4
 - c) Insurance companies..... 1 2 3 4
 - d) Accountants 1 2 3 4
 - e) Professional associations 1 2 3 4
 - f) Trade unions 1 2 3 4
 - g) Your staff..... 1 2 3 4
 - h) National bodies granting patents 1 2 3 4
 - i) European Institutions 1 2 3 4
 - j) National authorities 1 2 3 4

Let us talk about innovation in terms of new organisational and managerial approaches in your company.

3.1 During the next two years, on which of the following new approaches to management of innovation will your company mainly focus? Firstly? Secondly?

- a) Firstly 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 b) Secondly 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

[READ OUT – ROTATE – ONE ANSWER FOR “FIRSTLY” AND ONE ANSWER FOR “SECONDLY” EXPECTED]

- introduction of new process technologies1
- relationship with suppliers/users2
- logistics, delivery method3
- new product/service characteristics4
- data and information processing5
- restructuring of decision-making process.....6
- [DK/NA]7

3.2 If you want to introduce new methods or new approaches to management for your company, would you seek advice preferably from... ?

[READ OUT – ROTATE – ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- suppliers or customers 1
- research institutions (public or private)2
- private external consultants3
- public or semi-public advisory centres4
- [DK/NA]5

4.1 In your opinion, the creation of a Community patent, which will harmonise intellectual property legislation throughout the European Union, is very effective, rather effective, rather ineffective or not effective at all for encouraging...

- very effective 1
- rather effective2
- rather ineffective3
- not effective at all4
- (DK/NA).....5

[READ OUT – ROTATE – ONE ANSWER PER ITEM]

- a) companies in general to innovate..... 1 2 3 4 5
 b) your company to innovate 1 2 3 4 5

5.1 For each of the following propositions, could you tell me if you totally agree, rather agree, rather disagree or totally disagree?

[READ OUT – ROTATE – ONE ANSWER ONLY PER ITEM]

- totally agree 1
- rather agree2
- rather disagree3
- totally disagree4
- (DK/NA).....5

- a) Since the time required from the conception and the production of a new product or service to its launch on the market is becoming shorter and shorter, companies should continue to increase their efforts in innovation..... 1 2 3 4 5
 b) Looking at the market your company is operating in today you are obliged to innovate 1 2 3 4 5
 c) Globalisation of markets is an opportunity for innovation..... 1 2 3 4 5

5.2 Compared to the current situation, would you expect that your market for introducing innovative products in the coming years...

[READ OUT – ONE ANSWER ONLY]

- Will become more receptive 1
- Will remain unchanged..... 2
- Will become less receptive..... 3
- [DK/NA]4

5.3 In the coming years, where would you expect for your company, the two most positive impacts of the European single market when it comes to innovation ...? (please name two most important impacts)

[READ OUT – ROTATE – TWO ANSWERS EXPECTED]

- a) cheaper or better available supplies from other regions in Europe 1
- b) better access to new markets in the European Union (for sale of products and services)..... 2
- c) better access to new technologies, equipment or research results..... 3
- d) improved regulations, providing equal opportunities for competitors at home and abroad 4
- e) better co-operation with other European companies to innovate 5
- f) (others) [SPECIFY] 6
- g) (DK/NA) 7

[END OF INTERVIEW]