Breaking news!

Facebook acquires Ireland

The government announced this deal in a press release today. Martin Heydon, the Minister of State, this afternoon told journalists:

(voice: Brian)

“Facebook has a proven track record of supporting local businesses and communities. We are confident this transition will be a great success.”

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It will be interesting to see how Facebook operates in Ireland without the regulatory oversight that helped put a check on some of its more extreme antics in the United States. Facebook has been rumored to be on the lookout for a new base of operations. In fact, a Facebook spokesperson told ABC News:

(voice: Rodney)

“we are especially excited to maintain our heavy Irish heritage and will maintain many core values from our native Menlo Park, including a laid-back attitude toward political corruption.”