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### 'Super E' homes launched in Mayo

THE first three Super E homes have recently been completed in Ireland and the Canadian Ambassador Mark Moher will officially launch the first Mayo house in Westport on Monday next (May 16).

Its supplier, Interhabs Ireland, says that its houses will achieve high energy ratings when the new EU energy labelling requirement is introduced for Irish homes in 2006.

A key feature of the Super E is the heat recovery ventilation system which is enhanced by the air tightness of the house. Nevertheless they are designed to offer cathedral ceilings, double height windows and modern interiors.

Ronan Long of Interhabs Ireland explains that due to the airtight wall design and ventilation system, the moisture content of even the external timber stud walls actually decreases over time.

With the humidity of the interior reduced to less than 70pc, dust mites can't survive thus reducing the risk of the allergies which these creatures generate.

The 251 sq m. Mayo house cost €1,020 per sq m to build or a total of about €255,850. Built by Woodberry Developments, the houses have been system approved by Premier Guarantee.

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