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Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. ("AIB") [NYSE: AIB] notes the recent press comment regarding interest from a third party taking a minority stake in the Group and confirms that it has received such interest.

However any discussions with regard to this matter are preliminary and are not expected to progress in the near term, at least until there is greater clarity on NAMA among other issues. There can be no certainty that these discussions will lead to a proposal to invest in the Group or a transaction being concluded.

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