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**Board appointments at AIB Group**

Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. ("AIB") [NYSE: AIB] announces the appointment today of Mr. Declan Collier and Mr. Dick Spring as Non-Executive Directors.

Mr. Collier has been the Chief Executive of the Dublin Airport Authority since 2005. He previously worked for ExxonMobil where he held various senior management positions in Ireland and the UK. He is currently a Director of Dublin Airport Authority plc, Chairman of Aer Rianta International cpt and Chairman of DAA Finance plc.

Mr. Spring served as Tanaiste (Deputy Prime Minister) and Minister for Foreign Affairs between 1993 and 1997, and is a former leader of the Labour Party. He is currently Executive Vice Chairman, Fexco Holdings Ltd., Chairman of International Development Ireland Ltd., Altobridge Ltd., and Alder Capital Ltd., and a Director of Repak Ltd. and The Realta Global Aids Foundation Ltd.

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