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AIB - Exchange of Outstanding Securities by Exchange Offers

Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. (“AIB”) [NYSE: AIB] today announces that it has accepted offers to exchange six series of Euro, Sterling and US Dollar denominated Lower Tier 2 securities for the equivalent of circa € 1,765m of new Lower Tier 2 capital qualifying securities (comprised of three series of c. € 419m, c. £1,096m and c. \$ 177 m) to be issued on 29th March 2010.

The face value of the securities received in the exchange is approximately € 2,210m. The securities will be exchanged for between 74% and 91% of their face value in line with the previously announced exchange prices.

The equity accretion for AIB Group arising from the exchange offers is expected to be circa €445m.

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