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AIB – European Banking Authority Transparency Exercise 2015

Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. (“AIB”) notes the announcements made today by the European Banking Authority (EBA) and the Central Bank of Ireland (CBI) regarding the information of the EU-wide Transparency Exercise 2015 and fulfilment of the EBA Board of Supervisors decision.

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Background 2015 EU-wide Transparency Exercise

The following background information has been provided by the European Banking Authority.

The Board of Supervisors of the EBA decided in its meeting of 24 of February 2015 to carry out a Transparency Exercise in 2015. In its April meeting, the Board of Supervisors agreed on the form and scope of the transparency exercise to be conducted in September-November 2015 to assure a sufficient and appropriate level of information to market participants. A testing phase was carried out with participating banks between May and July 2015 in order to design the process and templates.

The data collection relies as much as possible on the information reported to the EBA on a regular basis through the supervisory reporting framework (FINREP, COREP) and most of the templates were centrally filled in by the EBA and sent afterwards for verification by banks and supervisors. Banks had the chance to correct any errors detected and to resubmit correct data through the regular COREP/FINREP reporting channels. The only exception to that process covers the templates on Sovereign Exposures and Leverage Ratio which banks had to fill-in by themselves.

Important Information & Forward-looking Statement

AIB currently has 523,438,445,437 (excluding 35,680,114 treasury shares) ordinary shares in issue, of which 99.8% are held by the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund (ISIF), mainly following the issue of 500 billion ordinary shares to the National Pensions Reserve Fund Commission (predecessor to the ISIF) at €0.01 per share in July 2011.

Based on the number of shares currently in issue and the closing share price of 20 November 2015, AIB trades on a valuation multiple of c.2.4x (excluding 2009 Preference Shares) the 30 June 2015 Net Asset Value (NAV). The Group continues to note that the median for comparable European banks is c.1.4x NAV.

This announcement contains certain forward-looking statements with respect to the financial condition, results of operations and business of AIB Group and certain of the plans and objectives of the Group. These forward-looking statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate only to historical or current facts. Forward-looking statements sometimes use words such as 'aim', 'anticipate', 'target', 'expect', 'estimate', 'intend', 'plan', 'goal', 'believe', 'may', 'could', 'will', 'seek', 'continue', 'should', 'assume', or other words of similar meaning. Examples of forward-looking statements include, among others, statements regarding the Group's future financial position, capital structure, Government shareholding in the Group, income growth, loan losses, business strategy, projected costs, capital ratios, estimates of capital expenditures, and plans and objectives for future operations. Because such statements are inherently subject to risks and uncertainties, actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking information. By their nature, forward-looking statements involve risk and uncertainty because they relate to events and depend on circumstances that will occur in the future. There are a number of factors that could cause actual results and developments to differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. These are set out in the Principal Risk and Uncertainties on pages 30 to 38 in the AIB Half-Yearly Financial Report 2015. In addition to matters relating to the Group's business, future performance will be impacted by Irish, UK and wider European and global economic and financial market considerations. Any forward-looking statements made by or on behalf of the Group speak only as of the date they are made. The Group cautions that the list of important factors on pages 30 to 38 of the AIB Half-Yearly Financial Report 2015 is not exhaustive. Investors and others should carefully consider the foregoing factors and other uncertainties and events when making an investment decision based on any forward-looking statement.