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## **AIB GROUP PLC – POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF ULSTER BANK'S CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL LOAN BOOK**

AIB Group plc confirms it has entered into a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding with Natwest Holdings Limited for the acquisition of a circa €4 billion portfolio of performing corporate and commercial loans and the transfer of employees to AIB from within Ulster Bank Ireland DAC's Commercial franchise directly involved in the day to day management of the loan book.

The potential transaction contemplated between the parties remains subject to customary due diligence, further negotiation and agreement of final terms and definitive documentation, as well as obtaining appropriate internal, corporate and regulatory approvals and other conditions precedent. No assurance can be given that the parties will reach a definitive agreement or that the proposed sale will be concluded on acceptable terms, when contemplated, or at all.

AIB Group plc will provide an update to the market in due course.

This announcement contains inside information.

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### **Forward Looking Statements**

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*Figures presented may be subject to rounding.*