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AIB issues €500 million of 5-year Senior Unsecured Funding

Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. ("AIB") today successfully completed the issue of a €500 million fixed rate senior unsecured debt issue with a maturity of 5 years and coupon of 1.375%.

The transaction was arranged by Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Deutsche Bank, HSBC, Morgan Stanley and Nomura and attracted €1.1bn of total demand from a diverse range of international investors. Final pricing was at 108bps over mid swaps with an all in yield of 1.381% and the final order book at these pricing levels was in excess of 2 times over-subscribed.

The deal attracted a very high quality mix of 139 investors and a total of 88% of the final allocations were made to international investors underlining the endorsement of the AIB credit story by overseas investors.

Today's issuance demonstrates AIB's continued competitive pricing and access to capital markets. The bank has successfully issued a range of funding transactions since November 2012 including five covered bond issuances, three senior unsecured issuances and a credit card securitisation, totalling €4.75 billion, in line with its strategy to continue to engage with the markets in a measured and balanced way.

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Important Information and Forward Looking Statement

AIB has c.523 billion ordinary shares, 99.8% of which are held by the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund (ISIF), mainly following the issue of 500 billion ordinary shares to the National Pension Reserve Fund Commission (predecessor to the ISIF) at €0.01 per share in July 2011.

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 51 to 56 in the 2014 Annual Financial Report. 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 51 to 56 of the 2014 Annual Financial Report 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.