



Board Appointment at AIB

14th November 2000

Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. ("AIB") is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Derek Higgs as a Non-Executive Director.

Mr. Higgs, aged 56, is a former Chairman of S.G. Warburg & Co., the banking and corporate finance arm of the Warburg Group, where he worked for 24 years. He is currently a Director of Prudential plc and Chairman of its subsidiary, M & G, and will be retiring from those positions at the end of November.

He is Chairman of Partnerships UK¹ and Business in the Environment², and Deputy Chairman of the City of London Festival³. He is a member of the Financial Reporting Council⁴ and a Director of The British Land Company PLC, Egg plc, Jones Lang LaSalle Incorporated and London Regional Transport.

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Notes:

1 Partnerships UK was established in June 2000 by the UK Government to help the public sector to deliver modern, high-quality public services.

2 Business in the Environment is a campaign of Business in the Community and promotes environmentally sustainable development. Business in the Community is a UK business led body with a core membership of 650 companies.

3 The City of London Festival, established in 1962, promotes the City of London as a centre for cultural excellence.

4 The UK Financial Reporting Council promotes good financial reporting and oversees the work of the Accounting Standards Board and the Financial Reporting Review Panel.