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**ALLIED IRISH BANKS, P.L.C. (“AIB”) – NEW ORDINARY SHARES COMMENCE TRADING ON THE ENTERPRISE SECURITIES MARKET**

Further to our announcement of 16 December 2015, the Company confirms that following the delisting of the Existing Ordinary Shares at 5.00pm on 18 December 2015 and the completion of the subsequent Ordinary Share Consolidation, the c. 2.714 billion New Ordinary Shares commenced trading on the Enterprise Securities Market (ESM) at 8.00am today, 21 December 2015.

The New Ordinary Shares’ ISIN code is IE00BYSZ9G33 and the SEDOL code is BYSZ9G3, which are effective since trading commenced on the ESM on 21 December.

New share certificates in respect of the New Ordinary Shares held in certificate form will be issued to Shareholders within 14 business days of the completion of the Ordinary Share Consolidation.

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**Forward-looking Statement**

This document 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.