



Highlights - AIB Group interim results 2001

1st August 2001

- **Profit Before Tax up 9.4% to €667m**
- **Attributable profit up 12% to €463m**
- **Adjusted earnings per share EUR 55.4c - up 11% (1)**
- **AIB Bank - Profit up 15%**
- **Capital Markets - Profit up 13%**
- **Allfirst Financial Inc - Good second quarter results
- Stronger asset quality**
- **Other Income up 13% (2)**
- **Return on Equity 20.4%**
- **Interim Dividend declared of EUR 15.4c per share - up 14%**

AIB Group Chief Executive Michael Buckley said:

"Attributable profit growth of 12% demonstrates AIB's capability to generate revenue growth in slower economic conditions. It also reflects AIB's strong competitive position in its chosen markets. Asset quality remains strong and AIB continues to make substantial investment in its business, particularly in Poland and Allied Irish America."

(1) Before goodwill amortisation

(2) Adjusted for the impact of currency movements