

Board Appointment at AIB

26th July 2001

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

Mr. Sullivan served as U.S. Ambassador to Ireland from January 1999 to June 2001.

Mr. Sullivan was Governor of the State of Wyoming between 1987 and 1995. He has extensive experience as a practising attorney and has served on two banking boards in Wyoming. He is also joining the Board of AIB's U.S. subsidiary, Allfirst Financial Inc.

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