



**Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. purchase of own shares
16th June 2003**

Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. ("AIB") [NYSE:AIB] announces that on 13 June 2003, it purchased 2,068,105 of its ordinary shares, at an average price of €12.6988, to be held as treasury shares.

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