



**Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. purchase of own securities
9th April 2003**

Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. ("AIB") [NYSE:AIB] announces that on 8 April 2003, it purchased 305,000 of its ordinary shares, at an average price of €12.90 and 32,000 of its ordinary shares at an average price of US\$13.83, to be held as treasury shares.

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