



**Board Appointment at AIB
11th January 2006**

Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c is pleased to announce that Mr John O'Donnell, whose appointment as Group Finance Director Designate was announced on 22 July 2005, has today been appointed to the Board as Group Finance Director.

Mr O'Donnell (51) joined AIB in 1989 from ICC Bank to take up the post of Director, AIB International Financial Services. In 1995 he was appointed Managing Director, AIB Corporate Finance and from 2001 to his appointment to his current role in July 2005 he was Head of Investment Banking, AIB Capital Markets.

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