



**Board Appointment at AIB
21st June 2007**

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Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. ("AIB") [NYSE: AIB] is pleased to announce the appointment today of Mr David Pritchard (63 yrs) as a Non-Executive Director.

After graduating in Aeronautics and Astronautics in 1966, Mr Pritchard worked for five years in the aircraft industry prior to spending his career in banking. He held senior positions in Citigroup and the Royal Bank of Canada before joining Lloyds TSB Group in 1995 as Group Treasurer. He was seconded for two years to the Financial Services Authority, and, subsequently, was appointed to the Board of Lloyds TSB Group plc and became Group Executive Director, Wholesale & International Banking. In 2003, he was appointed Non-Executive Deputy Chairman of Lloyds TSB Group plc. He retired from that role in 2005 and is now Non-Executive Chairman of Songbird Estates plc¹, and a Non-Executive Director of LCH Clearnet Group² and The Motability Tenth Anniversary Trust³.

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1 Songbird Estates plc is the holding company of Canary Wharf Group which is involved in integrated property development, investment and management.

2 LCH Clearnet Group Ltd. through its operating subsidiaries provides clearing and settlement services to London's derivatives exchanges and to the Stock Exchanges of London, Paris, Amsterdam, Brussels and Lisbon.

3 The Motability Tenth Anniversary Trust is a charity providing mobility support for the disabled.