



Proposed Disposal of the M&T Shareholding - Posting of Circular

11th October 2010

DUBLIN, Ireland (11th October 2010) – Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. (“AIB”) [NYSE:AIB] announces that it is convening an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held at 11.00 a.m. on 1 November 2010 (the “EGM”) to consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution to approve the proposed disposal of its approximately 22.4% shareholding (the “Shareholding”) in M&T Bank Corporation (“M&T”). The Circular, including the EGM Notice convening an EGM of AIB to be held at 11.00 a.m. on 1 November 2010 at Bankcentre, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, will be posted to shareholders today. A copy of the Circular will shortly be available to download from the Company’s website: www.aibgroup.com/investorrelations and via the National Storage Mechanism, which is located at <http://www.hemscott.com/nsm.do>.

A copy of the Circular will also shortly be available for inspection at:
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Notes

1. converted at a rate of US\$1.3856 to €1

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